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HIMALAYAN FLOODING

‘NOTHING BUT RUINS’

Chinese rescue team reaches devastated border crossing

A woman salvages materials from her house, which has been deluged in sludge, in Nepal’s Nuwakot district on Aug. 28.
ARUN SANKAR/AFP VIA GETTY IMAGES

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REUTERS

NUWAKOT, Nepal – Nepal and China resumed rescue operations in the flood-hit Himalayas on Aug. 28, with a Chinese rescue team reaching the all-but-obliterated Gyirong border crossing complex for the first time and finding “nothing but ruins.”

A glacier collapse on Aug. 26 unleashed a huge torrent of rock, ice, mud and debris through Himalayan mountain river systems, killing at least 579 people in Nepal and seven in China’s Tibet.

The number of missing in Nepal has nearly doubled to 1,924, the country’s disaster authority said on Aug. 28. At least 558 were missing in Tibet’s Gyirong County, Chinese state broadcaster CCTV said on Aug. 27. Of those missing in the disaster, at least 540 are foreigners, many of them Hindu pilgrims from India.

Surveillance camera footage from the worst-hit Gyirong border crossing complex showed huge torrents of water and debris engulfing buildings and people trying to flee.

Only on Aug. 28 were rescuers able to reach that area. State media reported that the Chinese team of 21 rescuers and a search-and-rescue dog crossed mountains and valleys and used ropes to navigate forests and cliffs after roads to the complex, hemmed in by steep Himalayan slopes, were destroyed.

A woman carrying a baby waits for news on missing loved ones at a military camp in Trishuli, Nepal, on Aug. 28. EZRA ACAYAN/GETTY IMAGES

“There was no road... it was all virgin forest and sheer cliffs,” said rescue worker Zou Mingqi. At the complex, “as far as the eye could see, there was nothing but ruins.”

More than 90,000 people are estimated to have been affected by the disaster, the Red Cross said.

The flooding led to the formation of a lake, which on Aug. 28 began overflowing into the Lhende Khola and Trishuli rivers.

The overflow sparked panic and warnings from authorities in Nepal, leading to rescue operations being suspended for about three hours. The risk prompted all Chinese rescue personnel and vehicles to withdraw as well, CCTV said.

Both resumed rescue operations after the threat eased, with Nepali officials saying that they were still hopeful of finding survivors.

That hope manifested for Matti Maya Tamang, 28, who was reunited with her 8-year-old son, Zoyal Ghale, on Aug. 28 after fearing that he and his brother had died when their school was destroyed.

Ghale escaped by running into a forest and climbing trees as the flood swept through. He was later found with a broken leg and cuts to his face and airlifted to a hospital, where Reuters journalists found him clutching two 10-rupee notes given to him by police to coax him to accompany them to seek medical treatment.

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Warsh signals inflation concern

Says Fed may need to hike rates to ease prices

Howard Schneider and Ann Saphir
REUTERS

JACKSON HOLE, WY – The U.S. central bank will “have work to do” if policymakers don’t get the confidence they need that inflation is heading down to 2%, Federal Reserve Chairman Kevin Warsh said on Aug. 28, coming closer than he has to acknowledging interest rate hikes may be needed to ease price pressures.

“Here is my standard: We must be confident that underlying inflation is moving to our objective, clearly and at sufficient speed. Otherwise, we have work to do. That’s our job ... our mandate ... and our charge to keep,” Warsh said in the keynote speech to the Fed’s Jackson Hole Economic Symposium in Wyoming.

With the labor market stable, inflation too high, and little in financial conditions to indicate that the Fed’s policy rate is restraining it, he said, “The Fed’s predominant focus right now should be on prices.”

The remarks drew applause from an audience of global central bankers hungry for more than his previous vague promises to deliver price stability, and unsettled by his refusal to say how he would do so. Markets heard the change in tune, and moved to increase bets on a rate hike in September even as they still priced in a healthy dose of skepticism that he will deliver it.

“We’re moving up on six years where we’ve been above target” on inflation, said former Philadelphia Fed President Patrick Harker.

“You can’t keep saying this is our job” and then not act, he added. “As the old saying goes, actions speak way louder than words.”

While much of Warsh’s 16-page address focused on large issues, like the

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Fed Chair Kevin Warsh, center, talks with Tiff Macklem, left, governor of the Bank of Canada, and Andrew Bailey, governor of the Bank of England, in Jackson Hole, Wyoming, on Aug. 28. NATALIE BEHRING/GETTY IMAGES

U.S. officials revise claims on Chinese hacking

Now saying only some agencies compromised

AJ Vicens and Raphael Satter
REUTERS

WASHINGTON – U.S. officials are correcting earlier statements that several government agencies were hacked by Chinese hackers, now saying that the organizations were among the hackers’ targets.

In a newly edited statement, the Department of Justice said on Aug. 28 that the U.S. Senate, the Federal Reserve, NASA and others were “among the targets of QTFY,” a Chinese state-sponsored hacking group that officials identified on Aug. 26 during an internet domain seizure operation. A previous version of the statement said the government agencies had been among the hackers’ victims.

The clarification narrows the scope of confirmed breaches in what the DOJ described as a yearslong Chinese cyber-espionage campaign.
MAXIM SHEMETOV/REUTERS FILE

A note left at the bottom of the newly edited statement said that “Edits have been made to ensure this press release accurately reflects the government’s allegations in the affidavit in support of the domain seizures.”

The DOJ said on Aug. 28 it made a correction to the press release because the Aug. 26 release “described all agencies as victims whereas the government’s affidavit made clear that all were targeted but only some were compromised.”

The distinction matters because it narrows the scope of confirmed breaches in what the DOJ described as a yearslong Chinese cyber-espionage campaign against U.S. government agencies, defense contractors and other sensitive targets.

According to the FBI affidavit that was released alongside the original statement, since at least 2018 the hackers “targeted” U.S. federal networks including those of NASA, the Federal Reserve, the Department of Energy, the Department of Justice, the Department of Health and Human Services, the National Institutes of Health, and the Senate.

A footnote in the affidavit said that the FBI investigated the targeting of NASA and found that the attempted breach of NASA was unsuccessful due

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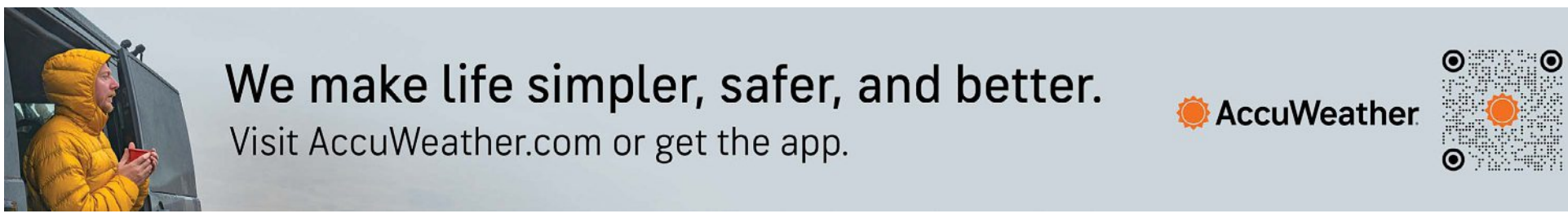

NATIONAL SUMMARY

Thunderstorms will spread from the Rockies into northern parts of the Midwest today. Some storms from Utah to the Dakotas will bring flash flooding, hail and damaging wind gusts. Farther south, spotty thunderstorms will dot the Southeast. Hot conditions will continue across the Plains as cooler air settles into the Pacific Northwest.

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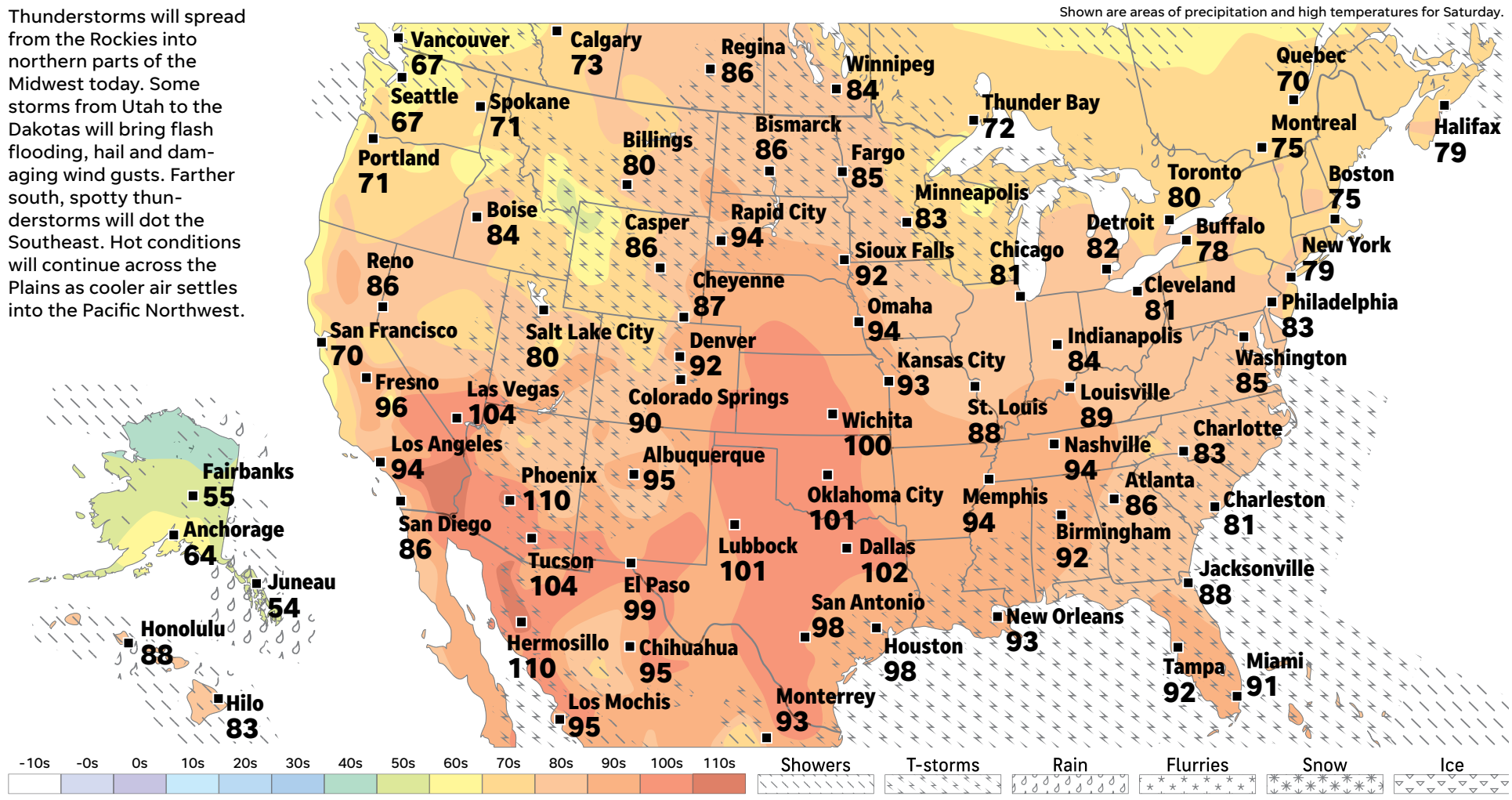
Shown are areas of precipitation and high temperatures for Saturday.



FRIDAY EXTREMES

NATIONAL (for the 48 contiguous states)

High: **114** at Blythe, CA
Low: **37** at Leadville, CO
Precip: **2.88”** at Valparaiso, FL

INTERNATIONAL (excludes Antarctica)

High: **122** at Basrah, Iraq
Low: **23** at Shologontsy, Russia
Precip: **4.25”** at Saigo, Japan

TODAY IN HISTORY

Record cold invaded New England on Aug. 29, 1965. Temperatures dropped to the mid-20s in Vermont. Over 2.0 inches of snow topped Mt. Washington, N.H.

WEATHER TRIVIA™

Q: In which country have floods taken the most lives?

A: China

NATIONAL CITIES SATURDAY

● Denotes possible travel delays

	High/low/W	Air Quality
● Aberdeen, SD	88/67/t	36
Abilene, TX	103/77/s	53
Accomac, VA	79/65/t	43
Adrian, MI	82/63/pc	75
Akron, OH	81/63/s	75
Alamogordo, NM	100/73/s	54
Alexandria, VA	85/69/c	50
Alliance, OH	81/61/pc	75
Amarillo, TX	100/72/pc	75
Ames, IA	85/70/t	75
Anderson, SC	86/71/t	44
● Appleton, WI	73/68/t	75
Asheville, NC	81/68/t	51
Ashland, OH	81/62/pc	75
● Athens, GA	85/70/t	44
● Augusta, GA	84/71/t	36
Austin, TX	100/74/s	75
Bartlesville, OK	100/68/s	100
● Battle Creek, MI	81/67/pc	75
Bedford, IN	84/64/s	49
Binghamton, NY	74/58/s	35
● Bluffton, SC	81/75/t	28
Bremerton, WA	67/50/pc	28
Brockton, MA	79/54/pc	25
Brownwood, TX	103/71/s	60
Burlington, IA	83/69/pc	49
Burlington, NC	83/68/t	48
Burlington, VT	79/61/s	30
Cambridge, OH	84/61/s	45
Camdenton, MO	92/69/s	42
Canandaigua, NY	81/63/pc	35
Canton, OH	81/62/pc	75
Carlsbad, NM	100/72/s	84
Chambersburg, PA	80/65/s	44
Cherry Hill, NJ	82/62/pc	45
Cincinnati, OH	85/64/pc	65
Clarksville, TN	92/68/s	51
Coldwater, MI	81/64/pc	75
Columbus, OH	84/64/pc	53
Corning, NY	79/56/pc	35
Corpus Christi, TX	98/77/s	25
● Daytona Beach, FL	89/76/t	25
Deming, NM	100/69/s	55
DeRidder, LA	96/73/t	67
Des Moines, IA	88/74/c	75
Detroit, MI	82/67/pc	75
Devils Lake, ND	83/64/t	30
Dover, NH	77/55/s	25
El Paso, TX	99/75/s	75
Elmira, NY	79/53/pc	36
Erie, PA	81/65/pc	42
Eugene, OR	75/47/pc	25
Evansville, IN	89/66/s	75
Fall River, MA	79/58/pc	25
● Farmington, NM	91/63/t	48
● Fayetteville, NC	82/71/t	48
● Fond du Lac, WI	74/66/t	75
● Fort Myers, FL	94/76/t	25
Fort Smith, AR	100/70/s	57
Framingham, MA	79/54/s	25
Freeport, IL	79/66/pc	75
Fremont, OH	82/66/pc	49
Fort Collins, CO	94/61/t	75
Gadsden, AL	90/70/t	54
● Gainesville, FL	90/73/t	25
Galesburg, IL	81/67/pc	75
Gastonia, NC	83/68/t	51
Glen Rose, TX	103/75/s	60
Gonzales, LA	96/74/t	77
● Great Falls, MT	77/51/s	73
● Green Bay, WI	72/65/t	75
Greenville, SC	83/69/t	44
Hackensack, NJ	80/64/s	46
Hagerstown, MD	82/68/s	44
Hattiesburg, MS	95/72/t	45
Henderson, KY	89/62/s	75
Hendersonville, NC	78/67/t	51
Herkimer, NY	78/56/pc	32
Hillsdale, MI	81/63/pc	75
Holland, MI	79/68/t	75
Hornell, NY	81/59/pc	35
Houma, LA	94/73/t	53
Howell, MI	83/66/pc	75
Hutchinson, KS	102/74/pc	69
Hyannis, MA	74/64/pc	25
Indianapolis, IN	84/65/pc	75
● Iowa City, IA	84/69/c	61
Ithaca, NY	78/60/pc	35
Jackson, MS	96/71/t	51
Jackson, TN	92/67/s	49
● Jacksonville, FL	88/74/t	25
● Jacksonville, NC	81/72/t	45
Kent, OH	81/62/pc	75
Kewanee, IL	81/68/pc	75
Keyser, WV	83/64/pc	40
Kinston, NC	82/70/t	45
Knoxville, TN	89/69/pc	54
Lafayette, IN	82/65/pc	38
Lafayette, LA	94/74/t	64
Lakeland, FL	94/75/t	25
Lansing, MI	82/67/pc	75
Las Cruces, NM	97/69/s	54
Lebanon, PA	80/60/s	48
● Leesburg, FL	91/76/t	25
Levittown, PA	81/61/s	45
Lincoln, IL	84/65/pc	75
Louisville, KY	89/68/s	75
Lubbock, TX	101/73/s	75
● Manitowoc, WI	76/67/t	75
Mansfield, OH	81/62/pc	65
Marshall, NC	83/66/pc	51
● Marshfield, WI	67/62/t	75
Massillon, OH	82/62/s	75
McLean, VA	85/68/pc	50
● Melbourne, FL	89/79/t	25
Memphis, TN	94/74/s	115
Middletown, NY	78/55/s	32
Milford, MA	78/55/pc	25
● Milwaukee, WI	78/69/t	75
Monroe, MI	82/66/pc	75
Monroe, LA	97/69/s	56
Montgomery, AL	91/73/t	39
Muncie, IN	83/65/s	50
Murfreesboro, TN	92/70/s	51
● Naples, FL	92/77/t	25
Nashville, TN	94/73/s	51
Neptune, NJ	77/64/pc	45
New Bedford, MA	77/57/pc	25
New Bern, NC	81/72/t	45
New Philadelphia, OH	82/60/s	75
Newark, OH	83/59/s	53
Newton, NJ	78/55/s	45
New York, NY	79/65/s	46
Norwich, CT	78/54/pc	32
● Ocala, FL	91/74/t	25
Oklahoma City, OK	101/73/s	100
Opelousas, LA	96/71/t	64
● Oshkosh, WI	73/66/t	75
Palm Beach, FL	89/81/t	25
Palm Springs, CA	110/83/s	50
● Panama City, FL	85/75/t	25
Pekin, IL	83/67/pc	75
● Pensacola, FL	85/76/t	75
Peoria, IL	81/69/pc	75
Petersburg, VA	85/66/t	46
● Phoenix, AZ	110/85/t	124
Port Huron, MI	81/64/pc	43
Portsmouth, NH	78/58/s	25
Poughkeepsie, NY	78/56/s	32
Providence, RI	78/59/pc	44
Pueblo, CO	98/65/t	75
Quincy, MA	78/60/pc	25
Redding, CA	92/59/s	39
Reno, NV	86/52/s	25
Ravenna, OH	81/61/pc	75
Richmond, IN	83/62/pc	71
Rochester, NY	80/60/pc	38
Rockford, IL	79/67/pc	75
Ruidoso, NM	86/60/t	56
Salem, OR	73/49/pc	25
Salina, KS	101/76/pc	74
Salinas, CA	69/57/pc	33
Salisbury, MD	83/64/t	54
San Angelo, TX	102/73/s	61
Sarasota, FL	92/77/t	25
● Savannah, GA	84/74/t	29
● Sheboygan, WI	78/67/t	75
Shelby, NC	82/67/t	51
Sherman, TX	101/78/s	65
Shreveport, LA	99/74/s	74
● Silver City, NM	94/65/t	54
Sioux Falls, SD	92/70/t	37
Somerset, PA	79/62/pc	45
Somerville, NJ	81/57/s	45
South Bend, IN	81/67/pc	75
Spartanburg, SC	83/69/t	44
Springfield, IL	85/68/pc	75
Springfield, MO	92/68/s	48
● St. Augustine, FL	86/76/t	25
● St. Cloud, MN	81/66/t	53
St. George, UT	101/73/t	25
Staunton, VA	81/63/pc	42
● Stevens Point, WI	69/63/t	75
Stockton, CA	90/55/s	35
Stroudsburg, PA	80/55/s	45
● Stuart, FL	89/78/t	25
Sturgis, MI	81/65/pc	75
● Tallahassee, FL	85/72/t	25
Thibodaux, LA	95/73/t	53
Topeka, KS	95/75/pc	69
Tuscaloosa, AL	94/74/t	51
Utica, NY	77/57/pc	32
Ventura, CA	78/64/s	52
Victorville, CA	99/65/s	61
Vineland, NJ	81/59/pc	45
Visalia, CA	96/60/s	44
Washington, DC	85/70/pc	50
Watertown, SD	88/67/t	49
Wausau, WI	68/63/t	75
Waynesboro, PA	80/66/s	44
White Plains, NY	78/60/s	36
Wichita Falls, TX	103/75/s	100
Wilmington, DE	82/63/pc	54
Wilmington, NC	81/73/t	45
● Wisconsin Rapids, WI	68/63/t	75
Wooster, OH	80/59/pc	75
Worcester, MA	74/59/s	25
York, PA	80/63/s	48

Air Quality Index: 0-50, Good; 51-100, Moderate; 101-150, Unhealthy for sensitive groups; 151-200, Unhealthy; 201-300, Very unhealthy; 301-500, Hazardous

INTERNATIONAL CITIES

	Saturday High/low/W	Sunday High/low/W
● Acapulco	92/78/t	91/78/t
Addis Ababa	72/57/r	70/56/r
Algiers	89/74/pc	90/75/s
Amman	91/70/s	83/67/s
● Amsterdam	72/63/sh	70/61/sh
Ankara	77/58/sh	80/58/c
Asuncion	85/67/pc	85/66/t
Athens	89/73/s	89/74/s
● Auckland	60/53/r	62/55/r
Baghdad	114/85/pc	109/81/pc
● Bangkok	91/81/r	91/80/r
Beijing	89/62/pc	93/63/s
● Beirut	91/77/pc	88/78/sh
● Belgrade	92/67/t	91/69/s
Berlin	78/64/sh	78/61/pc
Bogota	68/51/pc	67/49/r
● Brussels	70/62/sh	73/60/sh
Bucharest	82/63/s	88/64/pc
Budapest	86/58/pc	89/60/s
Buenos Aires	63/52/c	63/54/pc
Cairo	96/74/s	94/76/pc
Cape Town	64/49/r	63/47/s
Caracas	93/78/r	91/77/r
Casablanca	87/63/s	90/65/s
Colombo	88/79/r	89/80/r
Copenhagen	68/60/sh	67/58/sh
Damascus	94/69/s	91/66/s
Dublin	65/54/sh	66/54/sh
Geneva	76/58/sh	83/61/sh
Guatemala City	84/63/t	81/63/t
● Hanoi	89/78/t	94/78/r
Harare	74/52/pc	76/54/pc
Havana	92/75/r	93/75/r
● Helsinki	68/59/c	65/60/r
● Hong Kong	92/81/r	88/80/r
Jakarta	91/76/pc	91/77/s
Jerusalem	88/70/s	83/68/s
Johannesburg	70/45/pc	71/49/c
Kabul	93/67/pc	93/66/pc
Khartoum	105/86/pc	105/85/s
Kyiv	80/63/s	75/63/sh
Kingston	94/81/s	94/81/pc
La Paz	66/36/sh	66/32/s
Lagos	83/77/r	84/76/r
Lima	77/69/pc	77/68/pc
Lisbon	81/67/s	83/64/pc
London	68/59/sh	72/57/sh
Madrid	87/58/s	92/62/s
● Manila	83/78/r	85/79/r
Mexico City	74/57/r	76/57/r
Milan	89/67/s	89/70/s
Mombasa	85/72/sh	83/71/sh
Montevideo	61/42/pc	64/48/pc
Montreal	75/63/pc	74/56/t
Moscow	69/52/pc	71/57/pc
Nairobi	79/56/s	76/59/pc
New Delhi	96/82/pc	96/81/pc
Panama City	89/77/r	89/76/r
Paris	72/61/r	75/62/c
Port-au-Prince	100/75/s	98/74/s
Rio de Janeiro	87/76/c	80/71/pc
Riyadh	115/84/pc	116/88/pc
Rome	90/70/pc	91/65/s
San Jose	85/71/t	85/70/r
San Salvador	92/70/t	91/69/pc
Santiago	67/40/r	66/47/sh
Sao Paulo	90/68/pc	85/66/c
● Sarajevo	90/62/t	92/61/t
Shanghai	93/81/sh	91/81/r
● Singapore	92/80/pc	91/80/t
Stockholm	62/55/r	68/57/sh
Sydney	66/50/s	69/51/s
Taipei	94/80/r	95/80/r
Tegucigalpa	88/68/t	90/68/t
Tehran	99/78/pc	100/81/pc
● Tokyo	77/71/r	81/76/c
Toronto	80/64/sh	74/67/c
Tunis	100/80/c	98/78/s
Vancouver	67/55/sh	67/55/c
Vienna	82/62/sh	87/61/s
Warsaw	71/54/t	80/60/pc
● Yerevan	80/63/t	79/60/t
Zagreb	84/59/t	88/61/s
Zurich	78/56/r	81/60/s

● Denotes possible travel delays Saturday

Weather(W): **s**-sunny, **pc**-partly cloudy, **c**-cloudy, **sh**-showers, **t**-thunderstorms, **r**-rain, **sf**-snow flurries, **sn**-snow, **i**-ice.

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Thousands rally in capital

Leaders warn of voting and civil rights rollbacks

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Demonstrators bow their heads during the "March on Washington 2026: Defend the Vote" rally on Aug. 28. ANDREW HARNIK/GETTY IMAGES

WASHINGTON – More than six decades after the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. stood on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial and declared his dream for a more just America, thousands gathered in Washington on Aug. 28 to warn that voting rights and other freedoms he fought and died for are once again under threat.

Civil rights leaders invoked the same demands he made from the steps of the Lincoln Memorial so many years ago: that the fight for equality remains unfinished.

The event, called "March on Washington 2026: Defend the Vote," drew several thousand people to the National Mall, including union members, students, members of Black Greek-letter organizations, and attendees of all ages who traveled from across the country.

The march comes after the Supreme Court weakened a key provision of the Voting Rights Act this year, setting off a string of redistricting battles across the South, with Republican-led statehouses moving quickly, in some cases within days, to redraw congressional maps in time for midterm elections in November.

"We know in this fight we're fighting powerful forces, but this is why we rally today," said Marc Morial, president and CEO of the civil rights organization National Urban League. "This is why we seek to bring Americans together of goodwill from all races, from all sections of the country to push back as forcefully as we can."

The gathering was organized by the Rev. Al Sharpton's National Action Network and Martin Luther King III and Arndrea Waters King's Drum Major Institute, alongside more than 90 community partner organizations, including the NAACP and National Urban League.

"Defending the vote means defending the foundation of our democracy," King III said in a statement. "Sixty-three years after my father stood at the Lincoln Memorial, we are called to march again, not only in remembrance, but in action."

According to the organizers, the march aimed to "confront the systemic rollback of civil rights at this critical moment," referring to President Donald Trump's efforts to curb mail-in voting, weaken anti-discrimination protections across the federal government and fundamentally shift what civil rights are.

"We stand on the same ground because the work is not finished," Sharpton wrote in a letter to supporters. "The right to vote, the very foundation of our power, is being chipped away in statehouse after statehouse. When the vote is weakened, every other right grows fragile with it."

The program hosted speakers including Sen. Bernie Sanders, I-Vermont, Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, D-New York, and House Minority Leader Hakeem Jeffries, D-New York.

"Black unemployment is up, Black homeownership is down and Black political representation is under assault with Jim Crow-like tactics all throughout the South – challenging times," Jeffries said, referring to the system of state and local laws that enforced racial segregation in the American South until the 1960s.

Trump slams food 'monopoly'

Vows to let farmers and ranchers process on own

Leah Douglas, Tom Polansek and Susan Heavey
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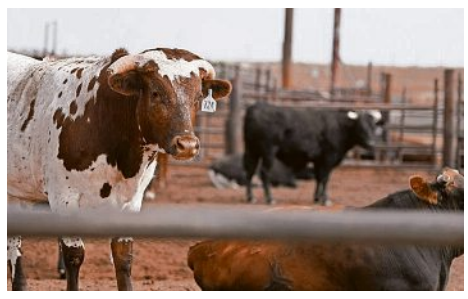
Farm and ranch groups say consolidation in the meat processing sector has made it difficult for small producers to stay afloat. ANNIE RICE/REUTERS FILE

WASHINGTON – President Donald Trump on Aug. 28 said he was preparing a legal order to allow farmers and ranchers to be given the right to process their own food aimed at breaking what he called "a nasty monopoly" among the nation's top processors.

Trump did not name a particular food or industry in his post on Truth Social but said he was "authorizing legal documents to be drawn" quickly.

Agriculture Secretary Brooke Rollins posted on X that there would be "big announcements" related to beef processing beginning on Aug. 31, including expanding ranchers' ability to sell across state lines, added support for smaller meat processors and rescinding "outdated guidance."

Earlier this week, Trump said on the "Glenn Beck Program" that he would look into whether there are too many beef processing plant regulations.

Beck, who owns a ranch, suggested to Trump that Department of Agriculture regulations were impeding ranchers from processing their own animals, leaving them to rely on the nation's consolidated meat processing industry.

Four companies control about 85% of U.S. meat processing: Cargill, Tyson Foods, JBS USA and National Beef Packing Co. The companies did not immediately respond to requests for comment.

White House spokeswoman Anna Kelly said: "The administration is drafting several policy actions to further support those who feed the world."

Meat is inspected by the USDA's Food Safety and Inspection Service, which posts inspectors at meat processing plants to ensure products meet federal standards. Ranchers are generally prohibited by federal food safety laws from selling meat from animals they have slaughtered and processed themselves, with some exceptions.

Farm and ranch groups have argued that consolidation in the meat processing sector has made it difficult for small producers to stay afloat because there are not many companies competing to buy their cattle and they must transport their animals to USDA-inspected meat processing plants, sometimes at a high cost.

The Meat Institute, which represents meatpacking companies, said food safety could be at risk if more ranchers process their own meat.

"Allowing uninspected meat to be sold to unwitting consumers is the wrong approach, and risks undermining this country's reputation for producing the safest meat products in the world," the group said. "If the goal is to lower beef prices for American families, lowering food safety standards is the wrong response."

The National Cattlemen's Beef Association, which represents ranchers, said it supports creating more opportunities for small beef processors and eliminating unnecessary regulations but warned Trump against weakening meat inspection standards.

David Anderson, an agricultural economist at Texas A&M University, said that he did not think that Trump's plan would have a significant impact on competition in the beef industry.

"The numbers on that would be so small," he said of on-farm slaughter.

FINANCIAL MARKETS

Wall Street ends lower after Warsh comments

Rounds out busy week of results, economic data

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REUTERS

NEW YORK – Wall Street's main indexes ended lower on Aug. 28, with investors turning cautious after Federal Reserve Chair Kevin Warsh reiterated the central bank's focus on fighting inflation, increasing prospects for a rate hike.

Without confidence that inflation is heading clearly and with sufficient speed to the Fed's 2% goal, the central bank would have "more work to do," Warsh said in his first Jackson Hole speech. Traders added to bets on a September rate hike after Warsh also said he felt recent inflation data did not suggest a change in trend.

"Why the market is modestly reacting is he [Warsh] is very adamant that the 2% inflation target is going to remain. He is reiterating the hawkishness, but in a more of a consistent way than an incremental way," said Mark Hackett, chief market strategist for Nationwide. "There's been somewhat misguided thoughts among investors that this would soften a little bit. Clearly, that's not the case."

Warsh's speech rounds out a busy week packed with results from corporate heavyweights such as Nvidia and Salesforce, alongside a batch of fresh economic data.

Chip stocks were mixed, pulling back from the previous session's rally sparked by Nvidia's blockbuster forecast that signaled the AI-driven boom had further to run.

The S&P 500 lost 19.23 points, or 0.25%, to 7,711.76; and the Nasdaq Composite lost 138.93 points, or 0.52%, to 26,402.42. The Dow Jones Industrial Average closed 9.45 points, or 0.02%, lower to 53,559.99.

For the week, the S&P 500 gained 0.49%, the Nasdaq rose 0.85%, and the Dow climbed 0.53%.

Market heavyweight Nvidia slipped 4.6%. Marvell Technology tumbled 10.3% on doubts over the timing of revenue from its AI chip agreement with Alphabet's Google, even though Marvell boosted its 2027 revenue forecast.

Most megacap stocks were higher. Alphabet gained 1.7%, making the S&P 500 communication services sector the biggest boost to the index. Apple also rose 1.6%.

Salesforce extended gains from the previous session, providing support to the Dow. It closed 1.6% higher.

PayPal fell 12.7% the day after Bloomberg News reported that a consortium of buyout firm Advent and payment processor Stripe had decided to abandon their pursuit of the payments firm.

Gap's shares advanced almost 13% as the retailer named industry veteran Michael Francis as Old Navy's new CEO and raised its annual profit forecast.

Ulta Beauty fell 4.2% after the cosmetics retailer's comparable sales growth dropped in the second quarter.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Aug. 29. On this date in:

1533: The 300-year Inca Empire came to an end with the execution by strangling of Atahuallpa by Spanish conquistador Francisco Pizarro.

1842: China signed the Treaty of Nanjing, ending the First Opium War. The first of several unequal treaties foreign countries imposed on China, it required China to open five ports to Britain, pay $21 million and cede Hong Kong to Britain, among other privileges.

1867: Karl Heinrich Ulrichs pleaded for the repeal of antigay laws before 500 members of the Congress of German Jurists. He was the first avowedly gay person to make such a request. "I am proud that I found the courage to deal the initial blow to the hydra of public contempt," he said later.

1893: Whitcomb L. Judson patented his "clasp locker": a sliding shoe closure that engaged and disengaged a series of interlacing teeth in a single movement. It evolved into the zipper.

1911: "Ishi," believed to be the last member of the Yahi tribe, was found lost and starving at a slaughterhouse in Oroville, California. Officials brought him to a museum, where he lived for the rest of his life. "Ishi" means "man" in the Yana language; he refused to share his name without an introduction by a fellow Yahi.

1949: The USSR tested its first atomic bomb, ending the U.S. atomic monopoly. The Soviets called it "First Lightning" and Americans called it "Joe No. 1," after Stalin. Thanks to a Los Alamos spy who stole blueprints, the bomb was a copy of the "Fat Man" bomb dropped on Nagasaki.

1957: Congress passed the Civil Rights Act of 1957, the first federal legislation protecting racial minorities since Reconstruction. It created the Civil Rights Division of the Justice Department and authorized the attorney general to sue on behalf of Black people blocked from voting.

1962: President John F. Kennedy acknowledged concerns about the health and environmental effects of DDT and other pesticides in response to a question at a news conference. The Agriculture Department and Public Health Service "are examining the matter," he said, and referenced Rachel Carson's book "Silent Spring."

1970: More than 20,000 Mexican Americans marched through East Los Angeles, calling themselves the Chicano Moratorium, to protest the war in Vietnam and highlight the fact that Mexican Americans were dying in Vietnam at about twice their proportion of the U.S. population. Law enforcement began beating protesters, sparking violence that killed three people, including Los Angeles Times journalist Rubén Salazar.

1970: Twenty-three Native American activists climbed to the top of Mount Rushmore to protest the broken Treaty of Fort Laramie, which gave them the right to western South Dakota. They renamed the monument Crazy Horse Mountain and camped on top for two months.

1997: Marc Randolph and Reed Hastings founded an online business that rented digital video discs through the mail, Netflix – or, as they called it, NetFlix. The company originally charged by the disc and sent DVDs in striking red envelopes.

2005: Hurricane Katrina made landfall in Louisiana as a Category 3 storm. Levees and storm walls failed, flooding and devastating an estimated 80% of New Orleans. The damage totaled about $125 billion in 2005 dollars. Sixteen years later, Category 4 Hurricane Ida hit Louisiana on the same date.

2008: Republican presidential candidate John McCain named Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin as his running mate. It was the first time a woman appeared on the GOP presidential ticket. "This is America, and every woman can walk through every door of opportunity," she said on Sept. 3, 2008, and joked, "the difference between a hockey mom and a pit bull? Lipstick."

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Trump announces sweeping U.S. grab for Venezuela's oil reserves

President Donald Trump on Aug. 28 announced an unprecedented U.S. push to take control of a fifth of Venezuela's vast oil reserves, betting that American companies can revive the OPEC nation's battered energy industry while delivering a new source of crude to help bring down U.S. fuel prices.

Trump provided few details about the agreement in a Truth Social post, saying only that the United States had secured majority control of more than 65 billion barrels of Venezuela's proven oil reserves through a partnership with private business.

The announcement comes after weeks of U.S.-Venezuelan negotiations over a deal that would give American companies long-term access to a group of Venezuelan oilfields and guarantee the resulting crude supply to the United States.

Judge questions but won't yet block birthright citizenship order

GREENBELT, MD – A federal judge on Aug. 28 declined to immediately block President Donald Trump's newest executive order limiting the number of people eligible for birthright citizenship, even as she sharply questioned its viability after the U.S. Supreme Court rejected his previous effort to do so.

U.S. District Judge Deborah Boardman in Greenbelt, Maryland, rejected a request for a temporary restraining order sought by immigrant rights advocates who had last year secured a ruling from her blocking Trump's administration from enforcing his initial 2025 executive order curtailing birthright citizenship.

Boardman said because the plaintiffs' lawsuit did not even mention Trump's 2026 order, she was unable to block it from being implemented at this time. But she said she would allow the groups to supplement their complaint and set a swift briefing schedule for the plaintiffs to once again challenge the order, which "tries to strike out exceptions to birthright citizenship with the stroke of a pen."

Trump's new order on Aug. 6 took particular aim at "birth tourism," in which women travel to the United States to give birth so their children can obtain automatic citizenship.

Governor: TN intends to name Nashville airport after Parton

Tennessee intends to name Nashville International Airport after country music icon Dolly Parton, according to a statement on Aug. 28, after the singer died in the country music capital at age 80 earlier this week.

The decision comes after a social media campaign by fans to change the airport's name to honor Parton. Tennessee Gov. Bill Lee spoke with Parton's team about the move this week, according to statements from the airport and Lee's office.

"At a place where Tennessee welcomes the world, it is fitting that Nashville International Airport would bear the name of our state's favorite daughter and greet travelers with the enduring legacy of Dolly's music, generosity, faith, and kindness," Lee said in the statement.

The proposal to rename the airport and the current Metro Nashville Airport Authority's naming policy will be addressed at a meeting on Sept. 17, according to the statement.

Russia devastates Ukrainian food storage in attacks on logistics

KYIV – Recent Russian air attacks have destroyed around 90% of retailers' food logistics, Kyiv's agricultural minister said on Aug. 28, revealing the scope of Moscow's mounting attacks on Ukrainian logistics.

Both countries have stepped up strikes in recent weeks on economic targets like major retailers, with Russia targeting warehouses for Ukraine's premier supermarket chains, top postal service and home goods stores.

"As of today, roughly speaking, 90% of food logistics operated by retail chains have been destroyed, but that doesn't mean Ukrainians will be left without food," the minister, Taras Vysotskyi, was cited by the Ukrinform agency as saying.

In recent weeks, fresh fruit, vegetables, sugar, milk products and other food have occasionally disappeared from the shelves in some supermarkets in Kyiv as a result of strikes on logistics depots of food retailers.

Ukraine's long-range attacks have targeted Russia's top online retailers in addition to energy infrastructure and oil tankers in the Black and Azov seas.

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Warsh

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influence of artificial intelligence, that he feels will be critical in the long run, it also included some key acknowledgments – including that "short-term interest rates are the predominant tool to achieve the dual mandate."

Notably, Warsh said the recommendations of five task forces he has commissioned to study longer-term issues "will come later and have no bearing on decisions we make in the current policy conjuncture. But I believe that for future policy challenges, this intellectual investment today will leave us far better prepared."

He did not directly address recent market interventions by Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent, which have put downward pressure on long-term Treasury yields. But he did say the Fed "needs clear market signals, as unfiltered as possible" to set proper monetary policy.

And what came through – to a degree not evident in his first 99 days in a role in which he promised to deliver sweeping change at the Fed – was a sense of central banking normalcy: a Fed chief giving his take on the economy and his thoughts about what may be next for policy.

Warsh was picked for the job by President Donald Trump, and the Fed chief's reticence to signal the possibility of higher rates despite inflation that remains too high had been seen in some quarters as overly deferential to Trump's explicit expectation that his appointee will lower rates.

After his speech, Warsh took a stroll in the rain in the company of his counterparts from the central banks of Canada and England, something that any Fed chief might do.

Inflation expectations

It was his comments on inflation that arguably went the furthest to meet what some had seen as a gap in Warsh's remarks at his first two news conferences.

"Progress over the past two years has been modest," Warsh said of inflation readings that by the Fed's preferred Personal Consumption Expenditures Price Index remained at 3.7% on an annual basis as of July.

Recent data "do not tell me that underlying trends have meaningfully improved," he said, with about half of the items in the PCE basket of goods and services increasing at more than a 3% annual rate, below the ratio seen during the COVID-19 inflation surge but above the prepandemic norm.

Warsh's speech "delivered a far clearer – and hawkish – message than his last press conference appearance," Capital Economics analysts wrote. "That leaves the door open to a hike earlier than our current forecast of December, if the forthcoming price data are firm."

At the same time, Warsh said that he and a large majority of Fed policymakers had felt at the July 28-29 meeting that they could wait for more data to decide if there was a need to change course. With just one more inflation report expected before the Sept. 15-16 meeting, it is unclear if that wait will be over very soon.

Rate futures are pricing in about a 60% chance of a rate hike next month, up from about 40% before the speech.

Warsh did not suggest a timeline for rate hikes, and explicitly said his remarks should not be taken as "forward guidance" or even as the more explicit "reaction function" investors and Fed analysts have suggested he provide – neither of which he feels would be appropriate or possible to accurately provide.

But they do amount to his most detailed comments yet on where the Fed stands in its efforts to return inflation to its 2% target after more than five years above it, and on how, exactly, he is making sense of the data that shows a "stable" labor market, resilient economic growth, fast-rising business investment, and financial conditions in which he is "hard-pressed" to see any signs of restrictiveness.

"Inflation is running above our 2% target," Warsh said, noting that the Fed's inflation target, as measured by the 12-month change in the PCE, is "firm" and "fixed."

The Fed chief noted, in another elaboration, that he currently sees inflation expectations as anchored, though they must be "closely minded."

"It's the Fed's job to make sure that inflation expectations do not get unanchored," Warsh said.

He also said that not only does the economy appear resilient, but that given current market interest rates and a Fed short-term policy rate that has remained unchanged in the 3.5%-3.75% range since December, "credit and loan markets are showing few signs of policy restraint," comments that could lay the groundwork for arguments in favor of a rate hike if inflation persists.

There was sentiment at the meeting in July to tighten policy, with three policymakers dissenting from the decision to leave the policy rate unchanged. Key unemployment, job growth and consumer inflation data for August will be released in early September.

Flooding

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His mother found him after calling a number left by a Reuters journalist at the hospital.

"I felt my life was back," said Tamang, who also found her younger son alive.

Threats from glacial lakes

Nepal is continuing to monitor two barrier lakes upstream of the flood zone, with an official warning that flood risks will persist until both lakes fully drain.

Satellite imagery showed the second lake growing larger with no visible outlet, raising concerns that water pressure could still be building.

China's state-run Xinhua news agency said that the first barrier lake was reducing in size, citing analysis by the water resources ministry. A Chinese government geohazards expert warned, however, that the lake may be unstable and that over 100 glacial lakes scattered throughout the area could pose a threat.

In Beijing, a Politburo meeting chaired by President Xi Jinping called for stronger monitoring of glacier lakes and landslide risks, and for closer international disaster cooperation, Xinhua reported.

China's Premier Li Qiang, the country's No. 2 official, arrived in the area of Gyirong on Aug. 27, Xinhua said. The visit suggested Beijing was treating the disaster as a matter of the highest national priority.

The Gyirong border port has a key role in China's Belt and Road network linking the country to South Asia, with logistics zones and parking lots built there in the past decade.

'All of our people have gone'

The Aug. 26 flood ripped through villages and valleys, destroying power stations, roads and bridges along a route that links Kathmandu with Lhasa in Tibet and is popular with trekkers and pilgrims.

Ten bodies were found in three places in the northern Indian state of Uttar Pradesh in rivers that flow down from Nepal, police said Aug. 28.

A rescuer helps a woman move through a muddy road in Trishuli, Nepal, on Aug. 28. NAVESH CHITRAKAR/REUTERS

Students hold LED candles in Chennai, India, on Aug. 28 as they gather to pay their respects to people who died in the Himalayan flash flood.
R. SATISH BABU/AFP VIA GETTY IMAGES

Earlier, Nepalese rescue teams used helicopters to search for survivors and drop emergency supplies to thousands cut off in towns and valleys.

Dibga Tamang was among the last people rescued from Rasuwa on Aug. 27, airlifted along with three others to an army camp in Nuwakot.

"All of our people have gone. They are dead," Tamang said. "I have no one left waiting for me. Everything and everyone is gone. The end."

A large number of people arrived at an army base in the area seeking information about missing and dead family members. Bodies were brought into the barracks and lists of rescued people were posted outside. Around the world, relatives of those missing were desperate for information.

"Where are they?" said Sneha Sudhir, one of 10 women whose husbands had set out from Nepal on a trek to Tibet's Mount Kailash. The men, all from northern Virginia, are among dozens of Americans missing.

"Everybody is taking turns in shedding their tears, wiping it off and getting back to work," Sudhir said tearfully from her home in Chantilly, Virginia.

The United Nations and its partners were scaling up relief supplies, with 20,000 households estimated to need food assistance and more than 50,000 people needing emergency water and support, said U.N. spokesperson Stephane Dujarric. While offers of search-and-rescue assistance are pouring in, Nepal said it does not need help from other nations.

A South Korean rapid response team in Kathmandu has not been deployed because Nepal does not have a plan to accept foreign rescue yet, the foreign ministry in Seoul said.

The Kathmandu Post reported that India, China, the United States, Britain, Japan, South Korea, Sri Lanka and Bangladesh had asked the government to allow their search-and-rescue teams to assist.

Hacking

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to the agency's patching of targeted software.

The affidavit alleges that in September 2024, the hackers carried out "computer intrusions" at three "DOE National Laboratories, NIH, an HHS agency, and a U.S. security device manufacturer," and referred to the entities as "victims."

A separate joint cybersecurity advisory issued by the FBI, National Security Agency and U.S. Cyber Command's Cyber National Mission Force published on Aug. 26 listed successful data thefts from unnamed defense contractors, financial institutions and universities in May 2024, and unsuccessful attempts to access networks of the Senate and a U.S. hospital in March 2026.

Messages seeking clarification from the FBI and the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency were not immediately returned on Aug. 28.

The Chinese Embassy in Washington did not immediately respond to a request for comment on Aug. 28.

In response to the Aug. 26 announcement, an embassy spokesperson said the United States uses cybersecurity to "smear or discredit China" and that China "opposes the U.S. overstretching the concept of national security and using it as a pretext to impose discriminatory restrictions on Chinese companies and will firmly safeguard the legitimate rights and interests of Chinese companies."

SPORTS EXTRA

Ryan Gerard plays his shot on the first hole during the second round of the Tour Championship on Aug. 28 in Atlanta. BRETT DAVIS/IMAGN IMAGES VIA REUTERS

GOLF PGA TOUR

Gerard, Hovland lead at Tour Championship

Chris Vivlamore
FIELD LEVEL MEDIA

ATLANTA – Ryan Gerard and Viktor Hovland share the halfway lead at the Tour Championship, but Scottie Scheffler is still near the top of the leaderboard.

What did you expect?

Scheffler is 8 under and two strokes off the lead after the second round Friday at East Lake Golf Club. He remains tied for fifth. With 36 holes to play, the world's No. 1 golfer and FedEx Cup points leader is still in position to claim his second Tour Championship title in three years.

Gerard, making his Tour Championship debut, and Norway's Hovland lead at 10-under 130 after shooting rounds of 65 and 66, respectively. Collin Morikawa and Chris Gotterup each posted 67 and are tied for third at 9-under 129.

Gerard's round of 5-under 65 included a 79-foot putt on No. 7.

"I've played a lot of golf tournaments in my life," Gerard said, noting he had several near-wins this year. "I've won a few golf tournaments in my life. I feel comfortable that I'm doing the right things, we're executing the right shots, we have the right mentality to go out and kind of close it and kind of be the dog under pressure. Just go out there and enjoy it.

"That's kind of what we play for is to have a chance on the back nine coming down the stretch on Sunday, and that's kind of what we prepare for, and we'll be ready."

Gerard rebounded after an opening-hole bogey with six birdies, including

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MLB

Los Angeles Dodgers starting pitcher Tarik Skubal reacts after striking out Tigers second baseman Gleyber Torres to end the third inning Aug. 28 at Comerica Park in Detroit. LON HORWEDEL/IMAGN IMAGES VIA REUTERS

DODGERS PREVAIL IN SKUBAL'S RETURN

Freddie Freeman drove in the go-ahead run during the eighth inning in Tarik Skubal's return to Comerica Park as the visiting Los Angeles Dodgers edged the slumping Detroit Tigers 2-1 on Friday. Skubal gave up one run on four hits while striking out seven in six innings. The two-time Cy Young Award winner was dealt by the Tigers to the Dodgers earlier this month. **ROUNDUP, 4NS**

COLLEGE FOOTBALL
ANALYSIS

Breaking down games for Week 0

Eddie Timanus
USA TODAY

Yes, we know, Week 0 in college football is on its face a strange concept. It isn't Week 1 since only a handful of teams in the Bowl Subdivision will be in action, but neither is it preseason a la the NFL since these games most assuredly do count.

For convenience, then, we call the abbreviated opening slate Week 0. But we don't care what we call it, because it means that finally, after a long hot summer of off-field drama in courtrooms and Capitol Hill, at long last there will be actual football.

We are back to help you plan your Saturday. Here's everything you need to know to enjoy the festivities, kicking off across the pond on the Emerald Isle.

- **North Carolina vs. TCU (noon ET, ESPN)**

Why watch: Oh, you'll watch. If you're reading this, you've missed this sport as much as we have, so you're more than ready for the first contest of the new season. As mentioned, it happens overseas in Dublin as the Tar Heels and Horned Frogs, who also squared off to begin the 2025 campaign, renew acquaintances.

Much has changed on both rosters since that encounter a year ago that spoiled Bill Belichick debut, but it's quite fair to say things have gone considerably better for the TCU program. The Frogs are coming off a 9-4 finish but will have a new-look offense under new coordinator Gordon Sammis.

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TCU running back Jeremy Payne runs the ball against Cincinnati on Nov. 29 in Fort Worth, Texas.
JEROME MIRON/IMAGN IMAGES VIA REUTERS

NFL

PRESEASON ROUNDUP

Ravens rout Commanders to finish unbeaten

FIELD LEVEL MEDIA

Tyler Huntley threw for a first-quarter touchdown to open the scoring, Joe Fagnano threw a TD pass and added a scoring run and the host Baltimore Ravens completed an unbeaten preseason by thrashing the Washington Commanders 41-3 on Friday night.

Huntley's 25-yard touchdown pass to Chris Moore highlighted a 4-for-4 passing performance for 61 yards. Fagnano scored on a 1-yard run later in the opening quarter to give Baltimore a 14-0 advantage.

Tyler Loop booted a 51-yard field goal in the second quarter before Fagnano connected with LaJohntay Wester for a 10-yard touchdown. Fagnano completed 19 of 27 passes for 162 yards without an interception.

Jonathan Ward added a 2-yard touchdown run in the third quarter and finished with 53 yards on seven carries for Baltimore.

Washington got its only points on Drew Stevens' 39-yard field goal before Loop answered with a 24-yarder to make it 34-3. Austin Reed connected with Cornelius Johnson on a 20-yard touchdown early in the fourth to complete the scoring.

Dontae McMillan led Baltimore on the ground with 70 yards on three carries, including a 63-yard run.

Ravens quarterback Tyler Huntley (5) runs against the Washington Commanders on Aug. 28 in Baltimore. TOMMY GILLIGAN/IMAGN IMAGES VIA REUTERS

Falcons 17, Dolphins 12

In the final preseason tuneup before the team officially names a Week 1 quarterback starter, Tua Tagovailoa threw for 95 yards and lost a fumble for the visiting Falcons (2-1) in a 17-12 victory over Miami (0-3).

Tagovailoa, who appears to be the likely starter with Michael Penix Jr. unable to appear in the preseason after suffering a partially torn ACL last November, completed 7 of 8 passes against his former team before being lifted for Cooper Rush.

Tagovailoa hit Kyle Pitts Sr. for a 37-yard pass to highlight an opening drive that was stamped with Brian Robinson's 3-yard touchdown rush. Atlanta's second drive lasted one play as Tagovailoa lost a fumble on a botched snap.

Miami's Cam Miller completed 7 of 16 passes for 71 yards and Mark Gronowski had 97 passing yards in relief. Former Falcon Riley Patterson's four field goals accounted for the entirety of the Dolphins' scoring.

Panthers 16, Texans 13

In a game that saw both teams rest their starters, Miles Davis rushed for a touchdown and Ryan Fitzgerald made all three of his field goal attempts to lift Carolina to a victory over visiting Houston.

Houston (0-3) committed three of its four turnovers in the first half. Backup quarterback Davis Mills was picked off by second-year safety Lathan Ransom, while journeyman Brett Rypien threw a touchdown, but lost a fumble and was intercepted by Cam Miller. Rypien got the majority of the run under center. He completed 13 of 23 passes for 101 yards and threw a 6-yard touchdown in the fourth quarter to Zay Jones.

Kyle Trask (19-for-28, 147 yards and an interception) and Kenny Pickett (5-for-8, 48 yards) split time at quarterback for Carolina (3-1). Pickett is considered to be the likely second-stringer to Bryce Young when the regular season begins.

Giants 23, Jets 6

Jake Haener threw for a touchdown, Tyrone Tracy added another on the ground and the Giants stifled the Jets en route to an easy victory in each team's preseason finale.

After stints by Jameis Winston (4-for-9, 54 yards and an interception) and Brandon Allen (8-for-12, 78 yards), Haener went 6-for-7 and found Xavier Gipson on a 37-yard touchdown.

In one final audition for the role of Geno Smith's backup, none of the three Jets quarterbacks were overly impressive on Friday. Rookie Cade Klubnik threw for 59 yards and was picked off by Zaire Barnes, while Brady Cook threw for 26 yards and Bailey Zappe went 2-for-5 for 12 yards.

Damon Bankston led all rushers with 62 yards for the Giants (2-1), while Chip Trayanum, who left with a neck injury, had 38 yards on the ground and a touchdown for the Jets (1-2).

Jaguars 19, Buccaneers 0

Bryan Thomas Jr., T.J. Bollers and Amari Burney combined for five sacks as host Jacksonville harassed Tampa Bay in a shutout victory.

Thomas racked up 2.5 sacks to go along with four quarterback hits and five tackles for the Jaguars (2-1). Carter Bradley had 77 passing yards and a touchdown toss to DeeJay Dallas. Michael Wortham scored on a 63-yard punt return, and Cam Little added a 61-yard field goal.

The Buccaneers (2-1) gave a surprise start to rookie quarterback Jalon Daniels, but he found little success, surrendering a fumble and finishing 8 of 15 for 57 yards. Tampa Bay managed just 87 total yards and six first downs.

Saints 27, Cowboys 24

Three New Orleans players scored rushing touchdowns and Daniel Carlson prevented a collapse with a 53-yard field goal as the Saints held off Dallas in Arlington, Texas.

The Cowboys (2-1) rallied with 15 fourth-quarter points to tie the game at 24-all. Sam Howell directed the effort, completing 12 of 18 passes for 155 yards with two touchdowns. Jordan Hudson was his favorite target, notching four catches for 97 yards with a TD.

Saints quarterback Zach Wilson directed an eight-play, 44-yard drive in response, resulting in Carlson's game-winner with 1:55 to play.

Quarterback Spencer Rattler, wide receiver Barion Brown and running back Zamir White had the touchdowns for New Orleans (1-2).

Packers 42, Cardinals 38

In a high-scoring preseason affair, host Green Bay got four touchdown passes from Kyle McCord, including two in the final four minutes, to nip Arizona and finish 2-1 in the preseason.

McCord, a second-year player out of Syracuse, completed 22 of 35 passes for 226 yards and no interceptions. He connected with Kisean Johnson on a 28-yard scoring play with 3:19 left before directing a 44-yard scoring drive in the closing seconds. He and Johnson connected again from 10 yards out with 20 seconds left.

The Cardinals (1-3) got touchdown passes from Kedon Slovis and Gardner Minshew. Evan Hull rumbled for 107 yards and two touchdowns on 16 carries, while Simi Fehoko produced 94 yards and two touchdowns on five catches. Rivaldo Fairweather made eight receptions for 89 yards.

Chiefs 9, Seahawks 9

An inauspicious preseason for two winless teams ended in a tie, as Seattle (0-2-1) missed a field-goal attempt at the gun to finish in a deadlock with host Kansas City.

Jason Myers' 52-yard try with three seconds left missed wide right. Myers converted from 46 yards earlier in the contest but missed an extra-point kick. Second-year quarterback Jalen Milroe accounted for the Seahawks' other score, a third-quarter touchdown pass to Nick Vannett.

The Chiefs (0-2-1) could manage only three short Harrison Butker field goals, though he also missed a third-quarter try from 58 yards. Brashard Smith ran for 72 yards on 16 carries.

Bengals 30, Eagles 13

Visiting Cincinnati used two fourth-quarter touchdowns to finish off Philadelphia and wrap up a perfect preseason.

Kentrel Bullock capped an 11-play, 77-yard drive with a 6-yard rushing score to give the Bengals (3-0) breathing room in the fourth, 23-13. Jamal Haynes followed with a 39-yard scoring scamper a little over a minute later.

Josh Johnson directed the Bengals' offense with 156 yards through the air.

Andy Dalton threw for 104 yards and a touchdown against his former team as he attempts to secure a roster spot with the Eagles (0-3).

Running back Carson Steele had a touchdown catch among his eight receptions for 52 yards, and he added 24 yards on eight carries.

Broncos 34, Vikings 6

Sam Ehlinger made the most of his preseason finale as he led Denver to a lopsided win over visiting Minnesota.

Ehlinger completed 15 of 20 passes for 233 yards, three touchdowns and one interception for Denver (2-1). Running back Cody Schrader amassed 132 total yards (90 rushing, 42 receiving) and a touchdown.

Max Brosmer completed 20 of 35 passes for 165 yards for Minnesota (1-2). Jermar Jefferson led the team with 59 rushing yards on six carries, and Dontae Fleming had a team-high 55 receiving yards on four catches.

Broncos wide receiver Marvin Mims Jr. left the game in the first quarter because of a foot injury.

Vikings quarterback J.J. McCarthy did not play because of an ankle injury that he sustained a week ago against the Baltimore Ravens. McCarthy is competing for the backup role with veteran Carson Wentz, who completed 3 of 4 passes for 15 yards before giving way to Brosmer.

NOTEBOOK

Raiders coach not ready to name starting QB

FIELD LEVEL MEDIA

Raiders head coach Klint Kubiak is not ready to name his starting quarterback as he closes the book on his first preseason in Las Vegas.

Kubiak kept the door open for veteran Kirk Cousins and top overall pick Fernando Mendoza following the Raiders' 18-12 loss to the San Francisco 49ers in the preseason finale on Thursday.

"I still don't think we need to name anybody," Kubiak said. "We have a lot to talk about at a lot of positions, so we want to watch the film and talk about everything as a staff."

Cousins, 38, started Thursday's contest, completed 8 of 11 passes for 51 yards and guided Las Vegas to a pair of field goals. He is 13-for-17 for 101 yards and a touchdown in a pair of preseason appearances.

Mendoza, 22, threw an interception on his second play in the game. Kubiak placed the blame on wide receiver Jalen Nailor for failing to come down with the ball.

Mendoza, the reigning Heisman Trophy winner, finished 7-of-14 for 57 yards on Thursday.

Las Vegas Raiders quarterback Kirk Cousins throws against the San Francisco 49ers on Aug. 27 in Paradise, Nevada. KIRBY LEE/IMAGN IMAGES VIA REUTERS

"He needs another three preseason games," Kubiak said of Mendoza.

The Raiders open the season with a visit from the Miami Dolphins on Sept. 13.

Report: Titans WR Robinson not believed to have concussion

Tennessee Titans wide receiver Wan'Dale Robinson is not believed to have sustained a concussion in Thursday's joint practice with the Bears, NFL Network reported.

Robinson underwent tests after a helmet-to-helmet hit from Chicago safety Xavier Woods, a shot Tennessee coach Robert Saleh characterized as "cheap."

The Titans will continue to check Robinson for potential concussion symptoms but "early indications are positive," per the report. He walked to the locker room under his own power following the hit as a fracas broke out on the field and the two teams had to be separated.

Robinson, 25, signed a four-year, $78 million deal with the Titans in free agency after four seasons with the New York Giants.

Robinson, a second-round draft pick in 2022, set career highs across the board last season with 92 catches for 1,014 yards and four touchdowns.

Feds say fake 49ers player swindled $1.3M from women

Federal authorities claim a man posed as a San Francisco 49ers player and scammed more than two dozen women out of about $1.3 million.

The FBI arrested Daejon Love, 35, and his alleged accomplice Taylor Jamie Chan, 18, on Aug. 24 in Boise, Idaho. They were charged with conspiracy to commit wire fraud and wire fraud, according to the U.S. Attorney's office in the District of Oregon. The men remain in federal custody in Boise.

In a scheme that began in February 2022 and spanned more than four years until the Aug. 24 arrests, authorities say Love created fictitious personas to meet women on dating apps, presenting himself as a player for the Niners. To support that claim, he posted photos on social media wearing official team gear and posing with luxury vehicles.

The pair allegedly created fictitious investment opportunities to defraud 26 victims in California, Idaho, Washington and Oregon. The FBI believes there are "many more victims" out there.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Week 0 shines a light on a rotten truth

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North Carolina's Caleb Hood carries for a touchdown against TCU's Bud Clark during a game last season in Chapel Hill, North Carolina. JARED C. TILTON/GETTY IMAGES

College football's Week 0 and Week 1 schedules stink.

Let's first establish that truth.

You could spend the next two weekends lounging in a Tommy Bahama chair, absorbing the last of summer, and you wouldn't miss much.

Labor Day will include just one Top 25 matchup using AP rankings (and none using US LBM Coaches Poll rankings), as college football fails to fully capitalize on a holiday weekend without NFL games.

Trainwreck enthusiasts will be intrigued by Bill Belichick's encore against TCU in Week 0. Otherwise, the four best games throughout the season's first two weekends look something like this:

- Memphis at UNLV (Aug. 29)
- Clemson at No. 13 LSU (Sept. 5)
- No. 10 Mississippi vs. Louisville (Sept. 6)
- No. 20 SMU at Florida State (Sept. 7)

That, folks, is what a turd in the punch bowl looks like.

A small portion of this stink bomb can be attributed to bad luck. If Wisconsin could be counted on to perform like it should, instead of imitating Northwestern, then the Badgers' game against Notre Dame would be better fare. As it is, that game looks like a body-bag matchup.

Mostly, though, this is just the type of early season docket you get when teams steadfastly seek the meekest nonconference schedule allowable. Big Ten and SEC teams are attempting to schedule their way to 10 wins and a playoff bid. That equates to avoiding nonconference risks, wherever possible.

A handful of Big Ten teams, like Indiana, Penn State and Nebraska, don't even bother playing a Power Four nonconference opponent.

So, if we acknowledge a scheduling problem exists, then how to resolve it?

Two obvious solutions float to the surface:

Option 1. Create a Big Ten-SEC Challenge. It's been theorized, but never materialized. Call it a challenge, call it a scheduling agreement, or call it a television cash cow, I don't care about the terminology. Just square up no fewer than a dozen B1G-SEC matchups, sprinkle them throughout Weeks 0, 1 and 2, and oh, mama, fewer people would be listening to Rogan while floating in pools the next few weekends, I'll guarantee you that much.

Option 2. Implement 10-game conference schedules. Swap out one cupcake. Insert another conference game, to be played early in the season.

• Which option would be better for college football schedule?

Give me a wand and anoint me as galactic overlord – seriously, you should do it – and I'd implement Option 1.

B1G vs. SEC has emerged as one of college football's spiciest, yet still sorely underdeveloped, rivalries. In current form, the rivalry remains mostly relegated to message boards, propaganda wars, and social media barbs. Outside of a handful of postseason matchups, teams from these two super conferences rarely play each other.

When they do (see Ohio State at Texas in Week 2), it's a recipe for prime-time network TV.

Not only does the scarcity of Big Ten-SEC matchups make the playoff selection committee's job harder, but it also prevents college football's regular season from reaching its fullest (and richest) potential.

Now, imagine a Week 1 schedule that included Georgia-Indiana, Penn State-Tennessee and Southern Cal-Texas A&M. You wouldn't leave your couch unless you needed another frosty from the fridge.

Not every matchup would be a barnburner, but a Week 1 battle of brainiacs pitting Vanderbilt against Northwestern would trump Vanderbilt-Austin Peay.

Conference tribalism distinguishes college football from the NFL. Have you ever heard a Chiefs fan chant, "A-F-C! A-F-C!" or watched a Cowboys fans die on a hill that, "My conference is better than your conference!"

Yeah, me either.

Tapping into this spirit of conference loyalty and superiority would transform the early-season schedule.

• Cupcake games aren't sacred. They're just cop-outs

Cupcake games aren't new, but they're not sacred, either.

Teams learned to survive without them. They could do it again.

Consider Auburn's 1984 schedule. The Tigers opened that season with nonconference bouts against Miami and Texas before playing Florida State and Georgia Tech later in the season.

You'd never see a nonconference schedule like that nowadays. Too bad.

Fast forward more than 30 years, and the 2016 season started with what some described as the best Labor Day lineup ever, packed with nonconference matchups like Notre Dame-Texas, Ole Miss-Florida State, UCLA-Texas A&M, Georgia-North Carolina, Oklahoma-Houston and Alabama-USC.

That came during the four-team playoff era, when the playoff-or-bust mentality didn't exist to the degree it does today, and schools accepted the risk of a marquee clash in Week 1. Anyway, the truest path to four-team playoff selection was winning a conference championship, so teams embraced a Labor Day weekend nonconference game against a Top 25 opponent.

I seriously doubt growing the playoff to 24 teams, like the Big Ten desires, would beef up nonconference scheduling, either.

When the playoff expanded from four to 12, and it became easier than ever to make the bracket, schools began to weaken their nonconference schedules, not stiffen them.

What do you think would happen if the playoff swelled to 24 teams? Too many schools would continue to embrace a seek the meek, beat the meek mentality, knowing 9-3 probably equals a playoff bid.

If institutions are going to dig in and resist beefing up their nonconference schedule, then Option 2 (a 10-game conference schedule) becomes the avenue to enhance the season.

When Big Ten and SEC teams played conference-only schedules in 2020, the absence of State University blowing out Directional School Low-Tech became a silver lining to the pandemic season.

Either option would be better than what college football serves up now.

Go ahead and grab your pool noodle and slather on the SPF 30, because there's not much good on TV the next couple of weeks. That's the rotten truth.

Week 0

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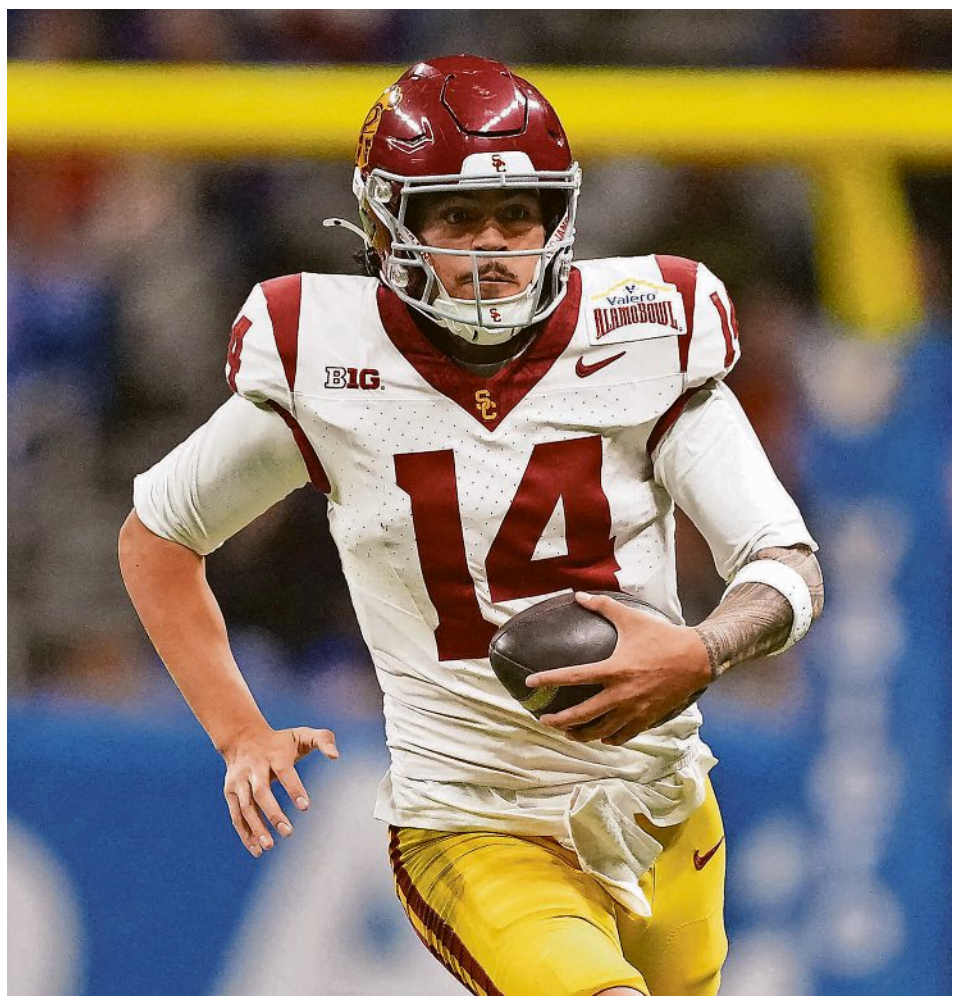

USC quarterback Jayden Maiava carries against TCU during last season's Alamo Bowl. KIRBY LEE/IMAGN IMAGES VIA REUTERS

At the controls will be former Harvard QB Jaden Craig, who should benefit from working with a deep RB group led by veteran Jeremy Payne. The Tar Heels slogged to a forgettable 4-8 mark in Belichick's initial year in Chapel Hill.

Why it could disappoint: Five of the Tar Heels' eight losses last season were by margins of 16 points or more, including their 48-14 thrashing at the hands of the Horned Frogs last September. If this game follows a similar script, UNC fans are likely in for another long season.

• San Jose State at No. 14 USC (3 p.m. ET, NBC)

Why watch: The Trojans, the lone ranked squad in the US LBM Coaches Poll to take the field in Week 0, look to improve on a 9-4 campaign and move up the pecking order in a top-heavy Big Ten.

QB Jayden Maiava is back, and he'll be able to work with an experienced line as well as a healthy RB Waymond Jordan, but he'll need new receiving targets to emerge. The Spartans, just 3-9 a year ago, hope for better fortunes in a restructured Mountain West.

There are a lot of new faces in San Jose, but the QB position should be in solid hands with former Hawaii transfer Luke Weaver taking over.

Why it could disappoint: If matters aren't settled by the third quarter, it could be a bad sign for the Trojans, who need to show improvement on defense in order to close the gap on the Big Ten's top tier.

• NC State at Virginia (3:30 p.m. ET, ESPN)

Why watch: This is unequivocally the most meaningful game on the Week 0 slate, as it will actually figure in the standings of a major conference.

That wasn't initially the case when this game was scheduled, but plans to play it as a nonconference neutral game in Brazil were called off, and the ACC's decision to expand to a nine-game league slate means this one now counts.

The Cavaliers made a somewhat surprising run to the conference title game a season ago, but there was a lot of personnel turnover on the offensive side. QB Beau Pribula arrived via the portal, as did most of the main ball handlers.

Why it could disappoint: It shouldn't, though it's always possible that one team will experience more opening-week growing pains than the other.

• Jacksonville State at North Dakota State (5:30 p.m. ET, CBSSN)

Why watch: A new era begins for the Bison, owners of 10 Championship Subdivision titles and eight more prior to that in Division II, as they move up to the Bowl Subdivision and look to contend immediately in the new-look Mountain West.

The Gamecocks aren't long removed from the FCS ranks themselves but have done well at their new level, coming off an appearance in the Conference USA championship game.

Why it could disappoint: It's conceivable the Gamecocks have been at this level longer and thus would have a talent edge. But the game is in Fargo, and NDSU has been punching above its weight for some time.

• Hawaii at Stanford (7 p.m. ET, ACC)

Why watch: Embarking on their third season in the ACC, the Cardinal start a new chapter with alum Tavita Pritchard now helming the program.

The Rainbow Warriors turned a corner with a bowl victory under Timmy Chang last season and seek to maintain that positive momentum.

Michigan transfer Davis Warren will assume the QB reins for Stanford, but its identity before the program's recent downturn was built on a strong ground game, which could be good news for returning RB Micah Ford.

Why it could disappoint: It could go a couple of ways. Either the Stanford pass defense will again be leaky as it was last season, or the Warriors won't be able to hold up at the line of scrimmage. Ideally both teams will find their strengths and give us an entertaining contest.

• New Mexico State at Florida State (7 p.m. ET, The CW)

Why watch: It's hardly a secret Seminoles coach Mike Norvell enters the campaign on a sizzling-hot seat.

He hopes to cool things a bit with a strong performance against the Aggies, who will be racking up a lot of travel miles this fall as they try to make headway against last year's meager four-win total.

The reconstructed Florida State offense will be built around QB Ashton Daniels and RB Quintrevion Wisner, both arriving via the portal seeking fresh starts.

Why it could disappoint: If you're an FSU fan, you're hoping against hope that it does. NMSU is anything but a powerhouse even by Conference USA standards, so if this game is close at all after halftime, Tallahassee will be in full panic mode.

• Memphis at UNLV (10 p.m. ET, Fox)

Why watch: The Week 0 nightcap could serve as an early measuring stick game among Group of Six conferences, as the Tigers and Rebels, who hope to contend in the American and Mountain West respectively, square off in the desert.

Scoring points hasn't been a problem for UNLV under Dan Mullen, and the high-octane attack will now feature RB Jai'Den Thomas getting plenty of touches in a variety of ways as the team sorts out its quarterback situation.

Memphis is under new management with Ryan Silverfield off to Arkansas and Charles Huff arriving from Southern Miss.

Why it could disappoint: Defense wasn't exactly the Rebels' strong suit, so it's possible Memphis will be more buttoned up in that department. It's more likely, however, that both teams will be able to move the ball, giving us an exciting finish to whet our appetite even more for Week 1.

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ROUNDUP

Freeman lifts Dodgers in Skubal's return

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Freddie Freeman drove in the go-ahead run during the eighth inning in Tarik Skubal's return to Comerica Park as the visiting Los Angeles Dodgers edged the slumping Detroit Tigers 2-1 on Friday.

Skubal gave up one run on four hits while striking out seven in six innings. The two-time Cy Young Award winner was dealt by the Tigers to the Dodgers earlier this month.

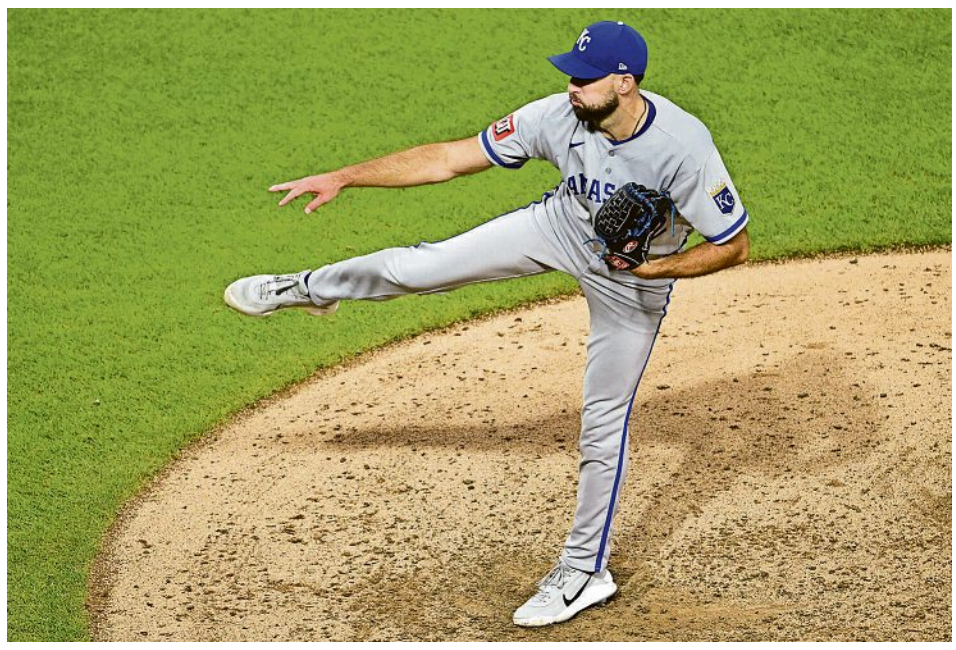
Evan Phillips (2-2) struck out all three batters he faced and earned the win. Tanner Scott pitched the ninth for his 20th save.

Miguel Rojas drove in the other Los Angeles run with a pinch-hit single as the Dodgers snapped a three-game losing streak.

Detroit starter Drew Anderson held the Dodgers, who left 15 men on base, scoreless in 4⅔ innings despite giving up four hits and walking five.

Max Clark's triple knocked in the lone run for the Tigers.

Detroit has lost eight of its last nine games.



Kansas City Royals pitcher Michael Wacha throws a pitch during the sixth inning vs. the Guardians on Aug. 28 in Cleveland. DAVID DERMER/IMAGN IMAGES VIA REUTERS

Royals 3, Guardians 0

All-Star Michael Wacha struck out 10 over eight innings and Carter Jensen hit a two-run homer in the ninth, sending red-hot Kansas City to a victory over host Cleveland.

Wacha (8-8) allowed four singles and did not issue a walk in tying his longest start of the season. He only permitted one runner to get past first base over 103 pitches.

The right-hander powered Kansas City to its 11th win in 12 games since Aug. 16.

Steven Cruz loaded the bases in the ninth before earning his sixth save in seven opportunities.

The Royals scored their first run in the fifth when Bobby Witt Jr. led off with a double and came home on Salvador Perez's groundout to shortstop.

The Guardians had their seven-game winning streak snapped, but remain in the third and final American League wild-card position with 27 contests remaining. They fell three games behind the first-place Chicago White Sox in the AL Central.

Astros 3, Mets 1

Hunter Brown struck out a season-high 10 over 6⅔ solid innings, as visiting Houston beat New York in the opener of a three-game interleague series.

Daulton Varsho had the go-ahead two-run single in the sixth for the Astros, who entered Friday with a one-game lead over the Texas Rangers in the American League West.

Yainer Diaz added an RBI single two batters later as Houston improved to 3-1 since the exit of general manager Dana Brown.

Carson Benge laced an RBI double for the Mets, who have lost three straight – their longest losing streak since a three-game skid from July 31 through Aug. 2.

Brown (4-3) allowed one run on five hits and one walk while authoring the longest start by an Astros pitcher since Aug. 10, when Hayden Wesneski lasted seven innings against the San Francisco Giants.

The 10 strikeouts were the most for Brown since June 14, 2025, when he whiffed 12 batters against the Minnesota Twins.

Blue Jays 8, Mariners 1

George Springer went 4-for-4 with a solo homer as Toronto defeated visiting Seattle.

Nathan Lukes and Kazuma Okamoto added solo shots for the Blue Jays in the opener of a three-game series. Okamoto had three RBIs.

Dylan Cease (9-5) allowed one run, four hits and one walk while striking out eight in six innings as Toronto earned just its second win in five games.

Dominic Canzone stroked a solo homer for the Mariners while going 2-for-4. Randy Arozarena had a single and two walks as the Mariners dropped the opener of a six-game road trip. Seattle has lost two in a row.

The Mariners took an early lead when Canzone clubbed a 1-1 fastball 433 feet to right-center with one out in the first inning.

Toronto answered with three runs against Emerson Hancock (7-8) in the bottom of the first.

Brett Bateman led off with a single, stole second and took third when Lukes grounded out to the pitcher.

Orioles 4, Athletics 3 (10 innings)

Coby Mayo and Christian Encarnacion-Strand each singled in a run in the 10th inning as Baltimore beat the Athletics in West Sacramento, Calif.

Brandon Young tossed seven innings of one-run ball for Baltimore, which won for the third time in its last four games and improved to 18-5 in Young's starts this season.

Andrew Kittredge (3-3) pitched a scoreless ninth inning and Alex Hoppe allowed a run in the 10th on Zack Gelof's two-out RBI single before getting Lawrence Butler to ground out for his first career save.

The Athletics pulled within 2-1 on Jonah Heim's two-out homer in the seventh, and Butler tied the game with an RBI single in the eighth against Rico Garcia.

With two runners on and two outs in the 10th, Baltimore moved ahead when automatic runner Carlos Narvaez scored from second on Mayo's single against Brady Basso (0-1).

Yankees 1, Red Sox 0

Cam Schlittler withstood five walks in 5⅔ innings and New York turned a pair of outfield double plays during a victory over visiting Boston.

Paul Goldschmidt homered off Boston starter Patrick Sandoval (1-3) in the third inning, helping the Yankees move three games ahead of Boston for the American League's top wild-card spot.

Schlittler (12-6) tied a career high by issuing five walks for the third time, allowed two hits, struck out eight, and lowered his AL-leading ERA to 2.09. He allowed a double to Wilyer Abreu with two outs in the third, then struck out Willson Contreras.

With one out in the seventh, the Red Sox had runners on second and third against Paul Blackburn. Contreras hit a fly ball to left fielder Cody Bellinger. Bellinger moved in a few steps and made a perfect one-hop throw to catcher Austin Wells, who tagged out Rafaela as Rafaela fell to the dirt.

Reds 10, Cubs 8

Tyler Stephenson belted a three-run homer and Sal Stewart drove in two runs to set the franchise rookie record for RBIs in a season, fueling visiting Cincinnati to a victory over Chicago.

Stewart went deep in the fifth inning for his team-leading 29th homer of the season. It also marked his 101st RBI, snapping a tie for the franchise rookie record that Jim Greengrass set in 1953.

Stewart added the go-ahead RBI single in the sixth inning before Stephenson deposited a 1-2 fastball from Trent Thornton (5-5) over the wall in center field to stake Cincinnati to a 7-3 lead. Stephenson's homer was his 13th of the season and first since Aug. 16.

Jose Trevino launched a solo homer, TJ Friedl also went deep and Elly De La Cruz ripped a two-run single among his three hits.

Chicago's Pedro Ramirez belted a three-run homer off Tejay Antone inside the right-field foul pole in the eighth inning to trim the Reds' lead to 9-7.

Braves 6, Rockies 4

Michael Harris II homered, doubled and drove in three runs, Ronald Acuna Jr. added three hits and three runs, and host Atlanta beat Colorado.

Mauricio Dubon and Sean Murphy each had two hits and an RBI to back five solid innings by Atlanta starter Grant Holmes (9-5).

The right-hander allowed three runs on eight hits and a walk while striking out three for the Braves, who have won five in a row.

The Braves jumped ahead in the second inning against Rockies starter Tomoyuki Sugano. Acuna drew a leadoff walk, and Harris followed with a run-scoring double. Harris moved to third on a flyout, and after Mike Yastrzemski struck out, Murphy delivered an RBI double. Sugano hit Ha-Seong Kim with a pitch before Baldwin singled up the middle, driving in Murphy to make it 3-0.

Phillies 5, Angels 3

Pinch hitter Edmundo Sosa hit a go-ahead grand slam with two outs in the top of the ninth inning as Philadelphia rallied for a victory over Los Angeles in Anaheim, Calif.

Sosa drove a 1-1 changeup from Sammy Peralta 404 feet into the rock pile behind the fence in left-center for his sixth home run of the season and first career grand slam.

Angels closer Ben Joyce (0-2) had loaded the bases in the inning by hitting Alec Bohm with a one-out pitch and walking Justin Crawford and J.T. Realmuto, the latter after right fielder Wade Meckler reached over the fence to rob Bryson Stott of a three-run go-ahead homer for the second out of the inning.

Luis Arraez and Kyle Schwarber each had two hits and Bohm scored two runs for Philadelphia, which won for the 11th time in 13 games. Alex McFarlane (4-1) picked up the win with a scoreless inning of relief.

White Sox 7, Twins 4

Colson Montgomery went 2-for-4 with a homer and three RBIs, and Chicago held on for a win over Minnesota in Minneapolis.

Andrew Benintendi finished 2-for-4 with a double and two RBIs for Chicago, which won its third straight game and the opener of a three-game series.

Brooks Lee homered and tallied three RBIs to lead Minnesota. Kody Clemens added a solo home run, and top prospect Walker Jenkins singled in his big-league debut.

White Sox right-hander Grant Taylor (7-2) pitched 2⅔ scoreless innings of relief.

He allowed one hit, walked none and struck out three. Starter Luis Castillo allowed four runs on eight hits and a walk over four innings of work.

Twins right-hander Dean Kremer (2-5) allowed six runs (five earned) on seven hits over four innings. He walked three and struck out three.

Cardinals 4, Pirates 1

Rookie left-hander Quinn Mathews pitched effectively into the sixth inning for his first major league victory, and Jimmy Crooks hit a two-run home run for St. Louis, which beat visiting Pittsburgh.

Jordan Walker added three hits and scored twice for the Cardinals, who had lost five of six coming in but remain fringe contenders in the National League wild-card hunt.

St. Louis began the day five games behind the San Diego Padres for the final postseason spot. The Pirates began seven games behind.

Mathews (1-2) allowed a run, five hits and a walk, striking out seven over 5⅔ innings in his fourth career start.

A consensus top-50 overall prospect in the preseason, Mathews was promoted from Triple-A for his debut Aug. 1.

Diamondbacks 10, Giants 6

Lars Nootbaar hit the first pitch of the game for a home run, Corbin Carroll and Tim Tawa homered in a five-run third inning, and visiting Arizona overpowered San Francisco.

Nootbaar collected three hits for the Diamondbacks, who took advantage of a San Diego Padres loss earlier in the evening to move within a half-game of the National League's third and final wild-card spot.

Bryce Eldridge and Christian Koss launched homers for the Giants – the first of the season for Koss – but the hosts were out-hit 12-5 en route to their ninth loss in 11 meetings with the Diamondbacks this season.

The homers by Nootbaar, his fifth, Carroll, his 19th, and Tawa, his ninth, helped Arizona overcome Giants scoring in each of the first four innings.

The Diamondbacks held a 6-5 lead entering the sixth inning, when they took charge with a three-run uprising featuring a two-RBI single by Ildemaro Vargas and Carroll's sacrifice fly for his third RBI of the night.

Rays 9, Padres 4

Tampa Bay's Yandy Diaz went 2-for-5 with a home run and two RBIs, and the American League East-leading Rays produced a five-run fourth inning to breeze past San Diego in St. Petersburg, Fla.

The Rays, who were 2-5 on their previous homestand, became the first AL squad to reach 80 wins.

Chandler Simpson went 2-for-4 with a double, two runs and two stolen bases. Taylor Walls had two hits, two runs and a stolen base.

Cedric Mullins homered, scored twice and drove in two runs.

Starting pitcher Shane McClanahan (10-6) earned his fourth win in eight starts, pitching 5⅔ innings and allowing four runs (three earned) on three hits. He struck out four and walked two.

San Diego's Jackson Merrill went 2-for-3, stroked a two-run homer, walked, and scored twice, accounting for half of his team's hits.

Starter Casey Mize (5-8) surrendered seven runs (two earned) on six hits over five innings, with a walk and a strikeout.

Brewers 6, Rangers 1

Logan Henderson was nearly perfect for Milwaukee, which won its third straight game, beating visiting Texas.

Henderson (9-2) faced 22 batters over seven innings, with Danny Jansen's two- out home run in the third inning the only blemish on his stat line. The 24-year-old rookie right-hander struck out seven as he tied his major league high in innings pitched.

William Contreras drove in three while going 2-for-4, and Jake Bauers went 2-for-2 with three walks and scored twice for the team with the best record in the major leagues. Christian Yelich (3-for-5) enjoyed his sixth three-hit game of the season to lead the 14-hit attack.

Milwaukee gave Henderson the lead early. Brice Turang led off the bottom of the first with a bunt single off Rangers starter Cody Bradford (0-3) and reached second thanks to Bradford's throwing error. The Brewers second baseman advanced to third on Jackson Chourio's deep flyout to right field and scored on a Contreras groundout.

Nationals 9, Marlins 2

Brady House smacked a three-run homer, Jackson Kent pitched seven innings of one-run ball to earn his first major league win and Washington beat visiting Miami.

Harry Ford also homered and Abimelec Ortiz had two hits for the Nationals, who have won consecutive games for the first time since a three-game run Aug. 7-9.

Kent (1-2), making his fourth start, gave up three hits, walked four and struck out three while throwing 106 pitches.

Heriberto Hernandez homered for the Marlins, who had won eight straight games vs. the Nationals.

Eury Perez (7-10) gave up five runs on two hits and four walks over three innings. He fanned five.

Washington trailed 1-0 when Andres Chaparro, Jacob Young and CJ Abrams walked to start the third inning. Ortiz and Dylan Crews struck out, but Perez threw a wild pitch and catcher Joe Mack made a throwing error on the play as both Chaparro and Young scored.

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BOX SCORES

Toronto 8, Seattle 1

SEA	100	000	000	–	1	5	2
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Seattle	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg.
Arozarena lf	2	0	1	0	2	0	.273
Canzone dh	4	1	2	1	0	1	.259
Rodriguez cf	4	0	1	0	0	0	.247
Naylor 1b	4	0	0	0	0	1	.269
Raleigh c	3	0	0	0	1	2	.165
Young 2b	4	0	1	0	0	1	.248
Ward rf	3	0	0	0	1	1	.230
Crawford 3b	4	0	0	0	0	3	.209
Rodden ss	3	0	0	0	0	0	.171
Totals	**31**	**1**	**5**	**1**	**4**	**9**	

Toronto	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg.
Bateman cf	5	1	2	0	0	1	.329
Lukes rf	4	2	1	1	1	0	.265
Guerrero Jr. 1b	4	1	1	1	0	0	.260
Springer dh	4	3	4	1	0	0	.251
Sanchez lf	2	0	0	0	0	0	.265
Straw lf	1	0	1	1	0	0	.222
Okamoto 3b	3	1	1	3	0	0	.229
Gimenez ss	4	0	1	1	0	1	.241
Clement 2b	4	0	0	0	0	1	.279
Valenzuela c	3	0	0	0	1	0	.224
Totals	**34**	**8**	**11**	**8**	**2**	**3**	

E: Crawford, Rodden. **2B:** Young (16), Guerrero Jr. (21), Springer (17). **HR:** Canzone (20), Lukes (10), Springer (14), Okamoto (27). **RBI:** Canzone (59), Lukes (32), Guerrero Jr. (47), Springer (44), Straw (22), Okamoto 3 (77), Gimenez (50). **CS:** Arozarena (8). **SB:** Bateman (2). **SF:** Okamoto. **Runners left in scoring position:** Seattle 4 (Naylor 2, Crawford 2), Toronto 3 (Okamoto, Clement 2). **RISP:** Toronto 4 for 11. **GIDP:** Lukes. **DP:** Seattle 1.

Seattle	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Hancock L, 7-8	5.0	8	5	5	0	1	67	3.57
Dominguez	1.0	1	1	1	1	0	24	4.62
Rucker	2.0	2	2	2	1	2	45	6.47

Toronto	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Cease W, 9-5	6.0	4	1	1	1	8	92	2.33
Fluharty	1.0	0	0	0	1	1	12	3.46
Sewald	1.0	1	0	0	1	0	21	0.00
Van Eyk	1.0	0	0	0	1	0	13	4.05

HBP: Sanchez. **Umpires:** HP-Hamari, 1B-Vondrak, 2B-Jaschinski, 3B-Tumpane. T: 2:33. A: 41,910 (41,500).

N.Y. Yankees 1, Boston 0

BOS	000	000	000	–	0	5	0
NYY	001	000	00x	–	1	3	1

Boston	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg.
Sogard ss-2b	5	0	0	0	0	2	.257
Rafaela cf	4	0	2	0	0	2	.287
Abreu rf	3	0	2	0	0	0	.255
Contreras 1b	4	0	0	0	0	2	.278
Rutschman c	4	0	0	0	0	2	.233
Durbin 3b	2	0	0	0	2	0	.255
Gasper dh	0	0	0	0	2	0	.275
a-Jones ph-dh	1	0	0	0	1	0	.213
Duran lf	2	0	0	0	0	1	.209
d-White ph-lf	2	0	1	0	0	0	.259
Seigler 2b	1	0	0	0	1	0	.250
c-Monasterio ph-ss	2	0	0	0	0	0	.253
Totals	**30**	**0**	**5**	**0**	**6**	**9**	

N.Y. Yankees	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg.
Goldschmidt 1b	4	1	1	1	0	1	.247
Rice dh	4	0	2	0	0	2	.255
Bellinger lf	4	0	0	0	0	0	.254
Ramos rf	1	0	0	0	2	1	.109
b-Jones ph-rf	1	0	0	0	0	1	.228
Grisham cf	2	0	0	0	1	1	.216
Lombard Jr. ss	2	0	0	0	1	0	.257
Chisholm Jr. 2b	3	0	0	0	0	2	.226
Caballero 3b	3	0	0	0	0	0	.232
Wells c	3	0	0	0	0	3	.178
Totals	**27**	**1**	**3**	**1**	**4**	**11**	

a-walked for Gasper in 6th. b-struck out for Ramos in 8th. c-lined out for Seigler in 6th. d-singled for Duran in 6th.
E: Wells. **2B:** Abreu 2 (30), Rice (22). **HR:** Goldschmidt (17). **RBI:** Goldschmidt (45). **Runners left in scoring position:** Boston 5 (Abreu, Contreras, Seigler, Monasterio 2), N.Y. Yankees 3 (Ramos, Chisholm Jr. 2). **RISP:** Boston 1 for 7. **DP:** N.Y. Yankees 2.

Boston	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Sandoval L, 1-3	5.1	3	1	1	4	7	96	4.20
Weissert	0.2	0	0	0	0	1	5	3.88
Guerrero	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	6	2.65
Olds	1.0	0	0	0	0	2	11	0.00

N.Y. Yankees	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Schlittler W, 12-6	5.2	2	0	0	5	8	102	2.09
Headrick H, 21	0.2	1	0	0	1	1	21	1.86
Blackburn H, 9	1.2	2	0	0	0	0	19	1.67
Bednar S, 31	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	12	2.31

Inherited runners: Weissert 3-3, Headrick 1-1. **Umpires:** HP-Moscoso, 1B-Wendelstedt, 2B-Carapazza, 3B-Lentz. T: 2:47. A: 43,476 (46,672).

Milwaukee 6, Texas 1

TEX	001	000	000	–	1	2	1
MIL	200	001	12x	–	6	14	0

Texas	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg.
Pederson dh	3	0	0	0	0	2	.235
b-Diaz ph	1	0	0	0	0	1	.222
Seager ss	4	0	0	0	0	1	.221
Langford lf	4	0	0	0	0	2	.259
Nimmo rf	3	0	0	0	0	2	.258
Duran 3b-cf	3	0	0	0	0	2	.272
Carter cf	2	0	0	0	0	0	.197
c-Foscue ph-2b	1	0	1	0	0	0	.257
Burger 1b	3	0	0	0	0	2	.236
Freeman 2b-3b	2	0	0	0	1	0	.265
Jansen c	3	1	1	1	0	0	.173
Totals	**29**	**1**	**2**	**1**	**1**	**12**	

Milwaukee	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg.
Turang 2b	5	1	1	0	0	1	.257
Chourio lf	5	0	1	1	0	0	.282
Bauers 1b	2	2	2	0	3	0	.275
Contreras c	4	0	2	3	0	0	.268
Yelich dh	5	0	3	1	0	0	.239
Ortiz ss	4	0	1	0	0	1	.250
Mitchell cf	3	1	0	0	0	0	.262
a-Vaughn ph	1	0	0	0	0	0	.309
Lara cf	0	0	0	0	0	0	.267
Frelick rf	3	1	2	0	1	0	.243
Hamilton 3b	4	1	2	1	0	0	.245
Totals	**36**	**6**	**14**	**6**	**4**	**2**	

a-grounded out for Mitchell in 7th. b-struck out for Pederson in 9th. c-singled for Carter in 8th.
E: Bradford. **2B:** Yelich (21), Frelick (16). **HR:** Jansen (5). **RBI:** Jansen (16), Chourio (55), Contreras 3 (69), Yelich (47), Hamilton (24). **SB:** Bauers (10). **SF:** Contreras. **Runners left in scoring position:** Texas 1 (Jansen), Milwaukee 6 (Turang 2, Yelich 2, Ortiz, Vaughn). **RISP:** Milwaukee 4 for 15. **GIDP:** Yelich. **DP:** Texas 1.

Texas	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Bradford L, 0-3	5.2	9	3	3	2	0	100	3.42
Alexander	0.1	0	0	0	0	0	7	3.45
Silseth	0.2	2	1	1	1	1	22	2.96
Macko	1.1	3	2	2	1	1	25	5.40

Milwaukee	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Henderson W, 9-2	7.0	1	1	1	0	7	91	2.48
Ashby H, 13	1.0	1	0	0	1	2	24	3.24
Hall	1.0	0	0	0	0	3	13	2.20

Inherited runners: Alexander 2-2, Macko 2-2. **Umpires:** HP-May, 1B-Conroy, 2B-Miller, 3B-Jones. T: 2:42. A: 41,620 (40,100).

Houston 3, N.Y. Mets 1

HOU	000	003	000	–	3	4	0
NYM	000	100	000	–	1	5	0

Houston	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg.
Pena ss	3	0	1	0	1	1	.283
Alvarez dh	2	1	0	0	2	0	.318
Paredes 3b	2	1	0	0	2	0	.260
Altuve 2b	3	1	1	0	1	0	.246
Allen 2b	0	0	0	0	0	0	.264
Varsho cf	4	0	1	2	0	1	.234
Walker 1b	4	0	0	0	0	2	.231
Diaz c	4	0	1	1	0	0	.261
Trammell rf	2	0	0	0	0	0	.207
a-Smith ph-rf	2	0	0	0	0	1	.213
Velazquez lf	4	0	0	0	0	3	.000
Totals	**30**	**3**	**4**	**3**	**6**	**8**	

N.Y. Mets	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg.
Ewing cf	4	0	0	0	0	2	.238
Lindor ss	4	1	1	0	0	3	.233
Bichette 3b	4	0	0	0	0	1	.262
Benge rf	4	0	1	1	0	2	.279
Robert Jr. lf	4	0	0	0	0	2	.229
Young 1b	3	0	0	0	0	1	.265
Semien 2b	2	0	2	0	1	0	.216
Baty dh	3	0	0	0	0	2	.219
Torrens c	3	0	1	0	0	1	.241
Totals	**31**	**1**	**5**	**1**	**1**	**14**	

a-grounded out for Trammell in 6th.
2B: Benge (18). **RBI:** Varsho 2 (35), Diaz (33), Benge (54). **SB:** Pena (9). **Runners left in scoring position:** Houston 4 (Paredes 2, Varsho, Smith), N.Y. Mets 3 (Ewing, Young, Baty). **RISP:** Houston 2 for 7. **GIDP:** Paredes, Ewing. **DP:** Houston 1, N.Y. Mets 1.

Houston	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Brown W, 4-3	6.2	5	1	1	1	10	102	3.33
Abreu H, 12	1.1	0	0	0	0	2	17	4.06
Hader S, 20	1.0	0	0	0	0	2	18	0.76

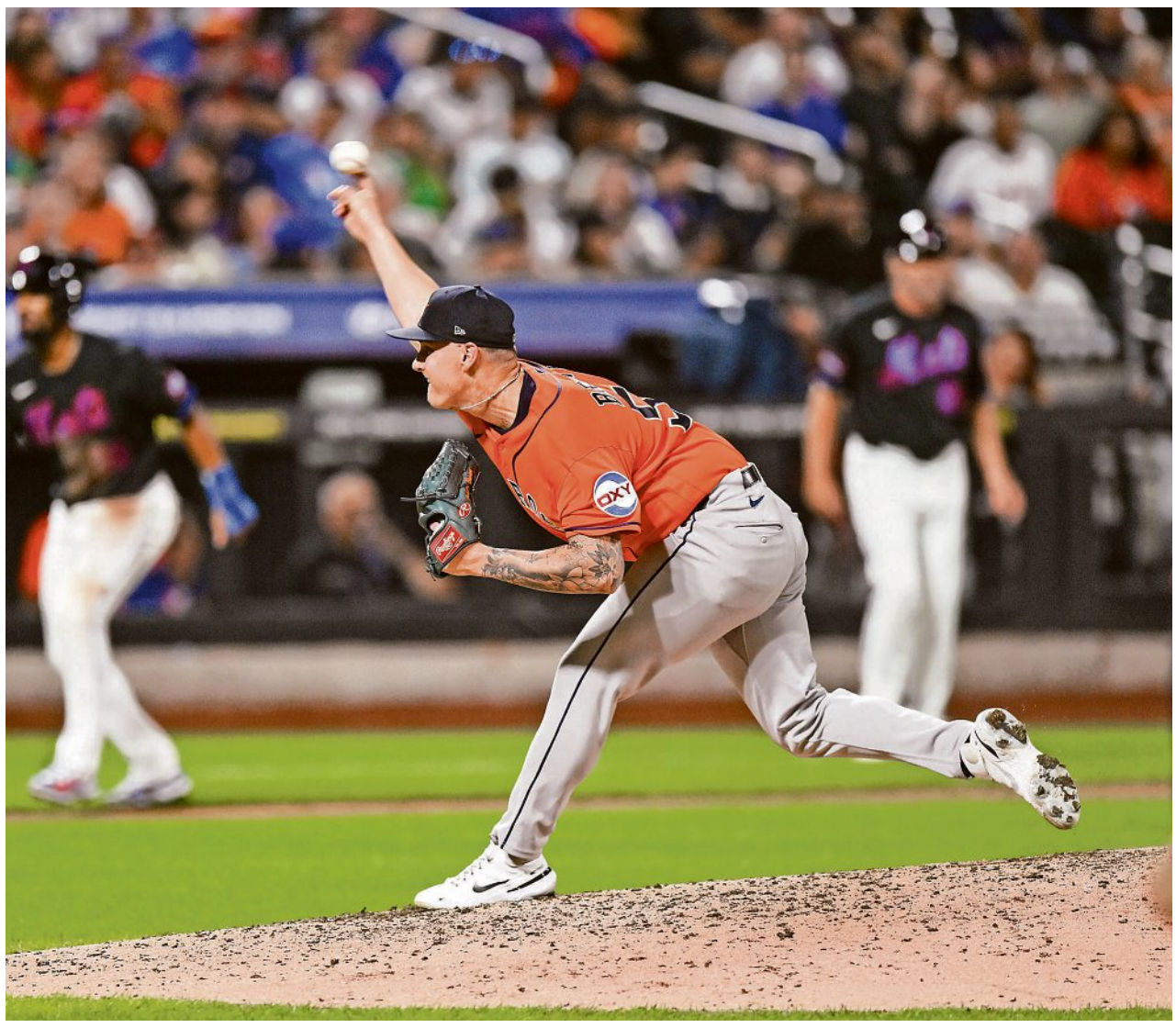
N.Y. Mets	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Scott L, 4-4	5.1	1	3	3	5	2	96	3.80
Lavender BS, 1	0.2	2	0	0	0	1	11	0.00
Pintaro	1.0	1	0	0	1	1	21	3.68
Nunez	1.0	0	0	0	0	2	10	5.79
Senga	1.0	0	0	0	0	2	9	7.64

Inherited runners: Abreu 1-1, Lavender 3-0. **WP:** Abreu. **Umpires:** HP-Metz, 1B-Torres, 2B-Tomlinson, 3B-Wegner. T: 2:43. A: 28,848 (41,922).

Atlanta 6, Colorado 4

COL	000	030	100	–	4	12	0
ATL	031	020	00x	–	6	14	0

Colorado	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg.
McCarthy lf-cf	3	1	1	1	0	0	.291
Carrigg cf-ss	5	1	1	0	0	1	.263
Goodman c	5	0	3	1	0	1	.256
Rumfield 1b	3	0	1	1	2	0	.290
Castro 3b	4	0	1	1	0	0	.262



Houston Astros starting pitcher Hunter Brown delivers to the plate against the Mets during the fifth inning Aug. 28 at Citi Field in New York. JOHN JONES/IMAGN IMAGES VIA REUTERS

Blue Jays designated hitter George Springer hits a solo home run against the Seattle Mariners on Aug. 28 in Toronto. JOHN E. SOKOLOWSKI/IMAGN IMAGES VIA REUTERS

Moniak dh	4	0	2	0	0	1	.256
Norby 2b	4	0	0	0	0	1	.220
Veen rf-lf	3	1	2	0	1	0	.250
Tovar ss	3	1	1	0	0	1	.211
a-Johnston ph-rf	1	0	0	0	0	0	.284
Totals	**35**	**4**	**12**	**4**	**3**	**5**	

Atlanta	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg.
Baldwin dh	5	0	2	1	0	1	.276
Albies 2b	5	0	1	0	0	1	.255
Olson 1b	5	0	1	0	0	1	.258
Acuna Jr. rf	3	3	3	0	1	0	.235
Harris II cf	3	2	2	3	0	0	.294
Dubon 3b	4	0	2	1	0	0	.270
Yastrzemski lf	2	0	1	0	0	1	.229
b-Thomas ph-lf	2	0	0	0	0	1	.206
Murphy c	4	1	2	1	0	1	.212
Kim ss	3	0	0	0	0	0	.084
Totals	**36**	**6**	**14**	**6**	**1**	**6**	

a-flied out for Tovar in 8th. b-struck out for Yastrzemski in 5th.
2B: Moniak (16), Acuna Jr. (13), Harris II (31), Murphy (3). **HR:** Harris II (22). **RBI:** McCarthy (69), Goodman (73), Rumfield (61), Castro (55), Baldwin (67), Harris II 3 (75), Dubon (64), Murphy (3). **SF:** McCarthy, Castro. **S:** Harris II. **Runners left in scoring position:** Colorado 6 (Carrigg, Castro, Moniak, Norby 2, Tovar), Atlanta 3 (Albies, Harris II, Murphy). **RISP:** Colorado 1 for 11, Atlanta 4 for 9. **GIDP:** Rumfield, Norby. **DP:** Atlanta 2.

Colorado	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Sugano L, 12-8	4.0	10	6	6	1	4	91	5.23
Manfredi	2.0	3	0	0	0	1	24	1.50
Mejia	1.0	1	0	0	0	0	11	5.56
Bernardino	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	14	2.67

Atlanta	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Holmes W, 9-5	5.0	8	3	3	1	3	84	3.71
Dodd H, 13	1.0	1	0	0	0	1	11	2.09
Kerr H, 1	1.0	1	1	1	1	1	17	2.70
Mederos H, 1	1.0	1	0	0	1	0	18	3.16
Iglesias S, 29	1.0	1	0	0	0	0	16	2.88

Sugano pitched to 3 batters in the 5th.
Inherited runners: Manfredi 1-1. **HBP:** McCarthy, Kim. **Umpires:** HP-Hanahan, 1B-Kulpa, 2B-Rackley, 3B-Gonzalez. T: 2:50. A: 38,006 (40,819).

Kansas City 3, Cleveland 0

KC	000	010	002	–	3	9	0
CLE	000	000	000	–	0	6	1

Kansas City	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg.
Jensen c	5	1	1	2	0	2	.223
Witt Jr. ss	5	1	1	0	0	1	.288
Caglianone rf	4	0	2	0	0	1	.283
Perez dh	4	0	1	1	0	1	.221
Pasquantino 1b	2	0	1	0	1	0	.246
Loftin 2b	4	0	0	0	0	1	.234
Collins lf	3	0	2	0	1	0	.232
b-Tolbert pr-lf	0	1	0	0	0	0	.300
Rojas 3b	3	0	1	0	0	1	.229
Isbel cf	4	0	0	0	0	2	.235
Totals	**34**	**3**	**9**	**3**	**2**	**9**	

Cleveland	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg.
Kwan lf	4	0	0	0	0	1	.273
DeLauter dh	4	0	1	0	0	2	.289
Ramirez 3b	4	0	0	0	0	1	.240
Adell rf	4	0	1	0	0	2	.238
Lowe 1b	4	0	0	0	0	3	.243
Bazzana 2b	3	0	0	0	0	2	.241
Bailey c	3	0	2	0	0	0	.224
a-Genao ph	1	0	0	0	0	0	.284
Halpin cf	3	0	1	0	0	0	.221
Rocchio ss	3	0	1	0	0	1	.249
Totals	**33**	**0**	**6**	**0**	**0**	**12**	

a-grounded out for Bailey in 9th. b-ran for Collins in 9th.
E: Bibee. **2B:** Witt Jr. (28), Collins (22), Rojas (4). **HR:** Jensen (19). **RBI:** Jensen 2 (61), Perez (60). **S:** Rojas. **Runners left in scoring position:** Kansas City 5 (Jensen, Loftin 2, Isbel 2), Cleveland 3 (DeLauter, Genao 2). **RISP:** Kansas City 1 for 11.

Kansas City	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Wacha W, 8-8	8.0	4	0	0	0	10	103	3.32
Cruz S, 6	1.0	2	0	0	0	2	22	4.35

Cleveland	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Bibee L, 5-14	6.0	7	1	1	2	5	93	3.88
Herrin	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	9	3.21
Yoho	2.0	2	2	2	0	3	25	7.15

HBP: Pasquantino, Bazzana. **Umpires:** HP-Kelley, 1B-Wolcott, 2B-Clemons, 3B-Johnson. T: 2:21. A: 31,941 (34,820).

Tampa Bay 9, San Diego 4

SD	000	022	000	–	4	4	1
TB	001	511	10x	–	9	11	1

San Diego	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg.
Tatis Jr. rf	4	0	1	0	0	0	.285
Bowen rf	0	0	0	0	0	0	.165
Rengifo lf-3b	4	0	0	0	0	0	.242
Machado 3b	4	0	0	0	0	2	.212
Harris lf	0	0	0	0	0	0	.333
France 1b	3	1	0	0	1	2	.285
Merrill cf	3	2	2	2	1	0	.241
Bogaerts ss	4	1	1	0	0	0	.217
Hays dh	4	0	0	0	0	0	.214
Fermin c	4	0	0	1	0	0	.200
Cronenworth 2b	2	0	0	1	1	1	.226
Totals	**32**	**4**	**4**	**4**	**3**	**5**	

Tampa Bay	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg.
Diaz dh	5	1	2	2	0	2	.302
Aranda 1b	4	0	1	0	1	1	.279
Caminero 3b	4	1	1	1	0	0	.280
Hicks c	3	0	0	0	0	0	.293
a-Vilade ph	1	0	0	0	0	0	.263
Piper c	1	0	0	0	0	1	.222
Simpson lf	4	2	2	0	0	0	.305
DeLuca rf	3	1	1	1	1	1	.271
Mullins cf	4	2	1	2	0	0	.205
Mateo 2b	3	0	1	1	0	0	.190
Walls ss	4	2	2	1	0	1	.217
Totals	**36**	**9**	**11**	**8**	**2**	**6**	

a-flied out for Hicks in 6th.
E: Mize, Mateo. **2B:** Simpson (14). **HR:** Merrill (22), Diaz (20), Mullins (14). **RBI:** Merrill 2 (69), Fermin (17), Cronenworth (25), Diaz 2 (74), Caminero (85), DeLuca (39), Mullins 2 (42), Mateo (4), Walls (32). **SB:** Simpson 2 (37), Walls (20). **SF:** Mateo. **Runners left in scoring position:** San Diego 2 (Rengifo, Hays), Tampa Bay 2 (Vilade, Mullins). **RISP:** Tampa Bay 4 for 8.

San Diego	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Mize L, 1-2	5.0	6	7	2	1	1	77	6.26
Morgan	0.2	2	1	1	1	1	21	4.76
Peralta	1.0	1	1	1	0	1	16	3.46
Canning	1.1	2	0	0	0	3	27	6.08

Tampa Bay	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
McClanahan W, 10-6	5.2	3	4	3	2	4	80	3.59
Rodriguez H, 2	1.0	1	0	0	1	0	19	0.00
Kelly H, 28	0.1	0	0	0	0	0	5	2.03
Matz	2.0	0	0	0	0	1	22	5.99

Inherited runners: Peralta 2-2, Kelly 2-2. **HBP:** Caminero. **WP:** Mize. **Umpires:** HP-Fletcher, 1B-Visconti, 2B-Jones, 3B-Blaser. T: 2:33. A: 16,470 (25,025).

Washington 9, Miami 2

MIA	010	000	010	–	2	5	1
WAS	005	000	40x	–	9	7	0

Miami	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg.
Hernandez lf	3	1	1	1	1	0	.235
Ramirez dh	3	0	0	0	1	0	.228
Lopez ss	4	0	1	0	0	1	.307
Sanoja rf-3b	3	1	1	0	1	0	.280
Edwards 2b	4	0	1	1	0	0	.285
Stowers 1b	3	0	1	0	0	0	.242
Caissie rf	1	0	0	0	0	1	.224
Jimenez 3b-1b	3	0	0	0	1	1	.203
Ruiz cf	3	0	0	0	1	1	.236
Mack c	3	0	0	0	0	0	.230
Navarreto c	0	0	0	0	0	0	.118
Totals	**30**	**2**	**5**	**2**	**5**	**4**	

Washington	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg.
Abrams ss	3	1	0	0	1	1	.272
Ortiz 1b	4	1	2	0	0	2	.224
Crews rf	4	1	1	2	0	1	.220
Lile lf	3	1	1	1	1	1	.251
House 3b	4	1	1	3	0	2	.233
Vivas 2b	4	0	1	0	0	0	.235
Ford c	4	1	1	1	0	0	.197
Chaparro dh	2	2	0	0	2	1	.246
Young cf	3	1	0	0	1	0	.247
Totals	**31**	**9**	**7**	**7**	**5**	**8**	

E: Mack. **2B:** Sanoja (28), Ortiz (3), Crews (14). **3B:** Lile (6). **HR:** Hernandez (21), House (10), Ford (3). **RBI:** Hernandez (56), Edwards (51), Crews 2 (33), Lile (75), House 3 (36), Ford (8). **SB:** Edwards (20). **Runners left in scoring position:** Miami 2 (Sanoja, Mack), Washington 2 (Lile, House). **RISP:** Miami 1 for 6, Washington 3 for 8. **GIDP:** Sanoja, Edwards. **DP:** Washington 2.

Miami	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Perez L, 7-10	3.0	2	5	5	4	5	74	3.44
Zuber	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	12	3.68
Monteverde	4.0	5	4	4	1	2	65	9.00

Washington	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Kent W, 1-2	7.0	3	1	1	4	3	106	5.59
Kranick	2.0	2	1	1	1	1	24	5.94

WP: Perez, Monteverde. **Umpires:** HP-Diaz, 1B-Jimenez, 2B-Bacchus, 3B-Segal. T: 2:35. A: 18,047 (41,596).

L.A. Dodgers 2, Detroit 1

LAD	000	001	010	–	2	9	0
DET	000	010	000	–	1	5	1

L.A. Dodgers	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg.
Ohtani dh	4	0	0	0	1	2	.283
Freeman 1b	4	0	2	1	1	2	.302
Betts ss	4	0	1	0	1	2	.239
Muncy 3b	4	0	0	0	1	1	.251
Edman 2b	4	0	1	0	0	1	.267
Tucker rf	3	0	1	0	2	0	.229
Thomas cf	2	0	0	0	0	0	.180
d-Hernandez ph-cf	2	1	1	0	1	0	.231
Hernandez lf	4	1	2	0	1	1	.248
Call lf	0	0	0	0	0	0	.255
Feduccia c	1	0	0	0	1	0	.275
c-Rojas ph	1	0	1	1	0	0	.278
Rortvedt c	0	0	0	0	0	0	.174
Totals	**33**	**2**	**9**	**2**	**9**	**9**	

Detroit	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg.
Torres 2b	4	0	2	0	0	1	.261
Lee 3b	3	0	0	0	1	1	.268
McGonigle ss	4	0	0	0	0	1	.276
Dingler c	4	0	0	0	0	1	.252
Valencia dh	2	1	1	0	0	1	.333
a-Keith ph-dh	1	0	0	0	0	1	.263
e-Julks ph	1	0	0	0	0	0	.286
Malgeri rf	4	0	0	0	0	2	.229
Torkelson 1b	3	0	0	0	0	2	.221
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MLB

MLB has radical free agency proposal

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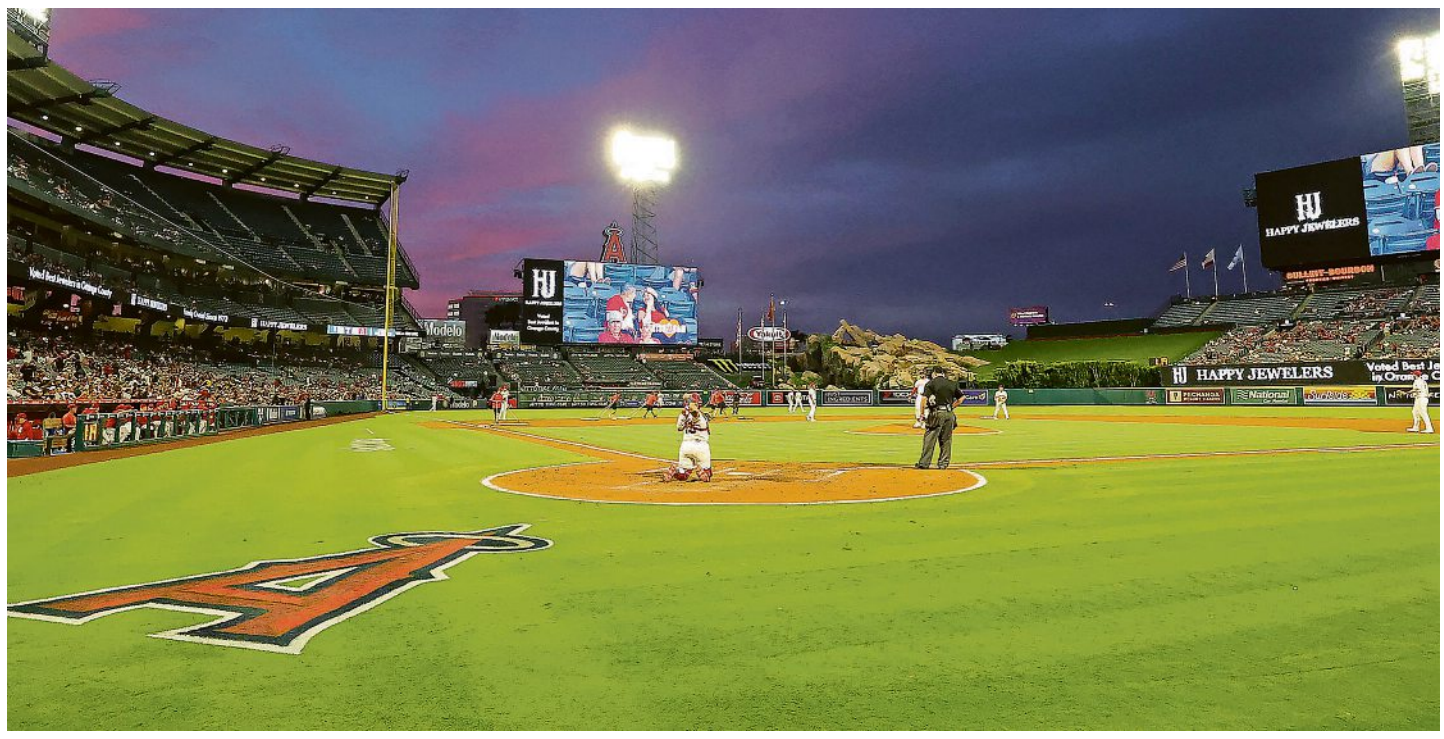


A general view of Angel Stadium is seen during a game between the Los Angeles Angels and the Texas Rangers on Aug. 13 in Anaheim, California. KIYOSHI MIO/IMAGN IMAGES VIA REUTERS

Major League Baseball, trying to create a similar free-agent frenzy that the NFL and NBA have each offseason, proposed a window and a December deadline for players to sign, freezing further signings until the first week of February.

The proposal, which MLB formally sent to the players union Thursday, would have a "quiet period" from five days after the World Series until the first day of the winter meetings in December.

Teams could re-sign their own free agents in that window, but would only be able sign others from the first day of the winter meetings until Dec. 21. If a free agent is not signed by that date, he would have to wait until the first week of February.

Trades and negotiations with free agents still would exist during the month-long "quiet period" but teams would be prohibited from finalizing an agreement.

Bruce Meyer, interim executive director of the Major League Baseball Players Association, quickly rejected the proposal, saying it's only a different way to reduce salaries.

"The league, through their propaganda arm, is promoting their latest set of roster and transaction proposals as player-friendly," Meyer said in a statement.

"MLB expressly conditioned these proposals on the players' agreement to a salary cap system, which would drastically reduce overall player compensation, eliminate fully guaranteed contracts through escrow, and turn back the clock on fundamental player rights," Meyer said.

"Their latest proposals regarding free agency would eliminate player rights by establishing an artificial free agency window, subject to a salary cap, which would reduce player leverage and create a game of musical chairs pitting player vs. player."

There would also be a complete ban on all transactions and contracts involving Major League players until the first Monday in February, giving players about two weeks to finalize deals before spring training.

MLB also is proposing that teams be permitted to carry an extra pitcher on their roster, from 13 to 14, but the 26-man roster limit would remain the same.

There also would be a creation of weekly rosters, allowing teams to re-set their 26-man roster on Monday each week, preventing clubs from shuttling pitchers with options back and forth players from the big leagues to the minor leagues.

MLB's research shows that Major League transactions have nearly doubled since 2011, with teams averaging 57 players last season, led by Atlanta with 72 players.

MLB also wants to modify the injured list, reducing the minimum from 10 days to one week for position players, and 15 days to two weeks for pitchers. The 60-day IL would be increased to a 12-week minimum (84 days).

"The suggestion that the only way to limit roster churn, or incentivize earlier free-agent signings is with a salary cap is entirely unserious," Meyer said. "Players have proposed changes that would address these priorities, but the league is not interested in any changes that don't directly reduce the rights of all players and shift leverage to the owners."

MLB proposed that players selected in the Rule 5 Draft no longer would have to remain on the major league roster all season, and could be optioned to the minors during the season.

Players coming out of college also could be eligible for the Rule 5 Draft one or two years earlier.

Players under the age of 20 also would be eligible for the Rule 5 Draft four years following the signing of their first professional contract, while players 20 or older would be eligible at the third Rule 5 Draft after signing their first contract.

The proposals, of course, are all under the umbrella of a salary cap and salary floor, which has been adamantly rejected by the players union.

"A cap-and-floor system would unlock additional opportunities to improve the game for players and fans, creating more stability in rosters, getting the best players to the Major Leagues more quickly, and accelerating the pace of the offseason," MLB spokesperson Glen Caplin said in a statement. "In our current economic system, these changes would be too harmful to competitive balance and would not be practical."

WNBA

ROUNDUP

Clark, Mitchell lead Fever to rout

FIELD LEVEL MEDIA

Indiana Fever guard Caitlin Clark dribbles against the Connecticut Sun on Aug. 28 in Indianapolis. TREVOR RUSZKOWSKI/IMAGN IMAGES VIA REUTERS

Caitlin Clark and Kelsey Mitchell each scored 34 points, carrying the Indiana Fever past the Connecticut Sun for a 111-91 runaway on Friday night in Indianapolis.

Clark, who distributed 12 assists, and Mitchell both shot 12-for-19 from the field. Clark connected on 6 of 12 3-point shots, while Mitchell went 4 of 9 from long distance.

Aliyah Boston provided 14 points for Indiana, which overcame a shoddy opening stretch of the game. Makayla Timpson tacked on 10 points and eight rebounds for the Fever (26-14), who have won seven of their past nine games.

Diamond Miller recorded 19 points while rookie Nell Angloma tallied a season-high 17 points off the bench for Connecticut.

Aaliyah Edwards and reserve Hailey Van Lith both added 12 points.

Sparks 88, Mystics 82

Nneka Ogwumike scored 24 points, Rae Burrell produced 12 of her 15 points in the fourth quarter, and Los Angeles overcame a 17-point deficit to defeat visiting Washington.

Reserve Cameron Brink had 13 points and two blocked shots and Monique Akoa Makani scored 10 points off the bench for the Sparks (14-25), who turned 17 Washington turnovers into 31 points.

Los Angeles had lost 14 of its past 17 games.

Sonia Citron scored 22 points while Kiki Iriafen and Shakira Austin had double-doubles for the Mystics (24-16).

Iriafen finished with 12 points and 10 rebounds for her 20th double-double, and Austin had 19 and 10, respectively, for her 18th.

Ogwumike, who has said this season will be her last, shot 11 of 16 from the field and 2 of 3 on 3-point attempts.

Fire 101, Dream 83

Carla Leite scored 26 points to help Portland pull off a surprising victory over Atlanta in College Park, Ga.

Emily Engstler added 25 points and six rebounds and Megan DiLeo scored 16 points for the Fire (16-23), who snapped a three-game losing streak. Holly Winterburn had 11 points and a pair of important 3-pointers for Portland, which was eliminated from postseason contention on Tuesday.

Rhyne Howard led Atlanta (25-14) with 26 points, followed by Angel Reese's 16 points and 16 rebounds. Jordin Canada and Allisha Gray each scored 11 points and Naz Hillmon had 10 for the Dream, who had won four straight.

Trailing by 14 at halftime, Atlanta sliced the margin to five after Howard's 3-pointer and a Reese layup with 4:13 left in the third.

Portland answered with consecutive 3-pointers from Winterburn to start an 8-0 run.

Aces 93, Tempo 73

Jackie Young scored 23 points and dished eight assists, A'ja Wilson scored 27 points, and Las Vegas led almost all the way in its rout of visiting Toronto.

Las Vegas (27-13) took the lead for good just three minutes into the contest, coming on one of Young's four made 3-pointers. Although the Aces shot just 10-of-33 from long range as a team, they came out red-hot from downtown to deluge Toronto (11-28).

Young made three of her 3-pointers in the game's opening minutes, and Jewell Loyd knocked down another a little more than six minutes into the contest.

After the opening salvo of triples, Las Vegas asserted its dominance both on the interior and defensively.

Isabelle Harrison led five Toronto scorers in double-figures with 15 points. Laura Juskaite scored 14 points, and Nurse recorded all 12 of her points from beyond the arc.

BOX SCORES

Indiana 111, Connecticut 91

CONNECTICUT (91)

Edwards 5-11 2-2 12, Miller 5-12 6-6 19, Beers 3-6 0-0 6, Leger-Walker 3-6 1-2 8, Rivers 4-11 0-0 9, Angloma 7-13 2-2 17, Van Lith 5-9 0-0 12, Kneepkens 2-5 1-1 5, Jackson 1-3 0-0 3. Totals 35-76 12-13 91.

INDIANA (111)

Hull 2-6 2-2 7, Timpson 3-5 4-5 10, Boston 6-9 2-2 14, Clark 12-19 4-6 34, Mitchell 12-19 6-10 34, Cunningham 0-3 1-2 1, Russell 1-1 1-2 3, Harris 2-3 1-1 6, Billings 0-1 0-0 0, Hines-Allen 0-0 0-0 0, Hall 0-0 0-2 0, Johnson 1-1 0-0 2, VanSlooten 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 39-67 21-32 111.

CON	28	15	23	25	– 91
IND	19	39	21	32	– 111

3-Point Goals: Connecticut 9-28 (Miller 3-6, Van Lith 2-3, Leger-Walker 1-3, Jackson 1-3, Angloma 1-4, Rivers 1-5, Edwards 0-1, Kneepkens 0-3), Indiana 12-29 (Clark 6-12, Mitchell 4-9, Harris 1-1, Hull 1-3, Cunningham 0-2, Boston 0-2). Fouled Out: Connecticut (Beers). Rebounds: Connecticut 26 (Angloma 7), Indiana 34 (Timpson 8). Assists: Connecticut 22 (Leger-Walker, Rivers 5), Indiana 23 (Clark 12). Total Fouls: Connecticut 23, Indiana 17. A: 17,274 (18,165)

L.A. Sparks 88, Washington 82

WASHINGTON (82)

Iriafen 5-9 1-2 12, Onyenwere 0-3 6-6 6, Austin 8-13 3-5 19, Amoore 3-8 0-0 9, Citron 9-18 0-1 22, Laney-Hamilton 3-4 0-0 6, Betts 2-4 2-3 6, McMahon 0-2 0-0 0, Florez 1-1 0-0 2, Dugalic 0-0 0-0 0, Prosper 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 31-63 12-17 82.

L.A. SPARKS (88)

Burrell 6-12 1-2 15, Ogwumike 11-16 0-1 24, Hamby 4-6 1-4 9, Atkins 2-5 0-0 4, Wheeler 3-7 0-0 8, Brink 5-9 2-2 13, Akoa Makani 4-6 1-1 10, Morgan 1-2 3-4 5, Gray 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 36-64 8-14 88.

WAS	23	28	17	14	– 82
LAS	23	17	25	23	– 88

3-Point Goals: Washington 8-21 (Citron 4-7, Amoore 3-8, Iriafen 1-2, Austin 0-1, McMahon 0-1, Onyenwere 0-2), L.A. Sparks 8-20 (Ogwumike 2-3, Burrell 2-4, Wheeler 2-5, Akoa Makani 1-1, Brink 1-2, Morgan 0-1, Gray 0-1, Atkins 0-3). Fouled Out: None. Rebounds: Washington 34 (Austin, Iriafen 10), L.A. Sparks 23 (Brink 5). Assists: Washington 20 (Amoore 5), L.A. Sparks 28 (Wheeler 8). Total Fouls: Washington 15, L.A. Sparks 17. A: 12,551 (12,947)

Portland 101, Atlanta 83

PORTLAND (101)

Engstler 11-14 0-0 25, Puoch 2-4 3-4 7, DiLeo 7-11 0-0 16, Carleton 1-6 2-2 4, Leite 9-13 4-4 26, Winterburn 4-7 0-0 11, Williams 0-1 0-0 0, Harrison 2-3 3-4 7, Okonkwo 2-4 0-0 5, Samuelson 0-2 0-0 0. Totals 38-65 12-14 101.

ATLANTA (83)

Hillmon 3-10 2-2 10, Howard 8-21 4-4 26, Reese 5-14 6-8 16, Canada 3-5 4-6 11, Gray 3-13 3-4 11, Paopao 2-3 0-0 4, Okot 1-2 0-0 2, Borlase 1-2 0-0 3, Walker-Kimbrough 0-0 0-0 0, Kone 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 26-71 19-24 83.

POR	28	24	22	27	– 101
ATL	18	20	23	22	– 83

3-Point Goals: Portland 13-30 (Leite 4-4, Engstler 3-5, Winterburn 3-6, DiLeo 2-6, Okonkwo 1-2, Harrison 0-1, Samuelson 0-1, Puoch 0-2, Carleton 0-3), Atlanta 12-33 (Howard 6-13, Hillmon 2-7, Gray 2-8, Borlase 1-2, Canada 1-2, Kone 0-1). Fouled Out: None. Rebounds: Portland 30 (Carleton, Engstler 6), Atlanta 34 (Reese 16). Assists: Portland 16 (Leite 6), Atlanta 20 (Canada, Reese 6). Total Fouls: Portland 24, Atlanta 16. A: 3,575 (5,000)

Las Vegas 93, Toronto 73

TORONTO (73)

Harrison 5-14 3-3 15, Juskaite 6-11 1-2 14, Fagbenle 0-1 0-0 0, Nurse 4-11 0-0 12, Rice 3-11 4-4 10, Key 1-3 1-4 3, Williams 4-7 0-0 10, Bankole 3-6 0-0 7, Green 1-3 0-0 2. Totals 27-67 9-13 73.

LAS VEGAS (93)

Talbot 1-5 0-0 3, Wilson 10-17 7-8 27, Turner 2-6 0-0 4, Gray 4-9 3-3 11, Young 6-13 7-8 23, Yamamoto 1-7 0-0 3, Evans 2-6 0-0 4, Loyd 2-4 0-0 6, Parker-Tyus 3-5 2-2 9, Bell 1-2 0-0 3, Pissott 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 32-75 19-21 93.

TOR	17	22	16	18	– 73
LVA	27	29	18	19	– 93

3-Point Goals: Toronto 10-28 (Nurse 4-8, Harrison 2-4, Williams 2-4, Bankole 1-3, Juskaite 1-4, Green 0-2, Rice 0-3), Las Vegas 10-33 (Young 4-9, Loyd 2-4, Parker-Tyus 1-1, Bell 1-2, Talbot 1-3, Yamamoto 1-6, Pissott 0-1, Wilson 0-2, Evans 0-2, Gray 0-3). Fouled Out: None. Rebounds: Toronto 37 (Juskaite 8), Las Vegas 38 (Wilson 8). Assists: Toronto 18 (Harrison, Rice 4), Las Vegas 20 (Young 8). Total Fouls: Toronto 22, Las Vegas 14. A: 10,523 (12,000)

NASCAR

CUP SERIES COKE ZERO SUGAR 400

Expect wild night in regular-season finale

FIELD LEVEL MEDIA

With drivers still chasing playoff points and a giant question mark in store for them this weekend, the 2026 NASCAR Cup Series campaign's regular-season finale could be 160 hectic laps at Daytona International Speedway on Saturday night in Daytona Beach, Fla.

The Coke Zero Sugar 400 has had a Ford in victory lane over the past three summers – defending winner Ryan Blaney, Harrison Burton and Chris Buescher – but another driver from the manufacturer needs a big showing in Florida.

In a clear illustration of last season's playoff format versus the new Chase version that shows the contrast between "win and you're in" and consistency, 17th-place Ryan Preece – winless in 25 starts – trails two-time road course winner Shane van Gisbergen by 31 points for the final postseason spot in the 16-driver field.

Driving RFK Racing's No. 60, Preece had a strong day in Loudon, N.H., on Sunday but ultimately came home ninth.

The Berlin, Conn., native has 85 stage points compared with van Gisbergen's 70, but the latter's two wins gave him 55 points apiece.

The 25-point penalty that Preece incurred for wrecking Ty Gibbs on May 3 at Texas – after he said he would retaliate with the No. 54 later following early contact – stings even deeper this weekend, too.

"I'm going to race the hell out of it," Preece said.

NASCAR Cup Series driver Ryan Blaney celebrates after winning last year's Coke Zero Sugar 400 at Daytona International Speedway in Daytona Beach, Florida. NIGEL COOK/NEWS-JOURNAL - USA TODAY NETWORK VIA REUTERS

"Usually, when things are different and not predictable, I excel. And so does Shane. But it's going to be a heavyweight match."

In the 2005 edition of the summer shootout, polesitter Tony Stewart waited for a 10:42 p.m. start after a 2½-hour rain delay and dominated by leading a race-record 151 of 160 circuits for the first of his four wins at Daytona – all in the 400-miler.

That all-nighter 21 years ago was tucked into bed at 1:40 a.m.

However, long nights of single-driver Daytona dominance may be done.

In a drastic move in race No. 26 before embarking on a title run, NASCAR will debut a new aerodynamic package at the World Center of Racing, with the kicker being no practice session to find a baseline and address the setup's challenges.

Teams will have their rear spoilers clipped from 7 inches to 4 to reduce drag, and horsepower will be adjusted from 510 to 465 to account for the reduced downforce. Officials expect single-file runs to be roughly 3 mph faster.

"What we're essentially trying to recreate is Atlanta at Daytona and Talladega," said regular-season champion Denny Hamlin, a three-time winner of the Daytona 500, when the rule changes were announced last month. "It happens organically at Atlanta, the space between the cars, because the cars themselves are grip-limited, and the fuel-mileage (racing) really doesn't happen because you have to be on offense constantly.

"If you watch the pack, there is no saving (anything). Guys are dicing it up the entire race. So this is what we're aspiring to get to at some point."

Following Blaney's win in New Hampshire, race analyst Jeff Burton, whose son Harrison won a 2024 last-lap thriller over Kyle Busch, loudly replied when asked what to expect in Daytona: "We have no idea."

Drivers always have to be on their toes at Daytona as the "Big One" is just one false move or human or mechanical error away.

With NASCAR dealing this sweeping curveball, plus not allowing even 20 minutes of practice, drivers are expecting a high-speed, steeply-banked, chaotic evening at the legendary superspeedway.

In true racing communications fashion, it's one-to-go before the championship sprint arrives.

CUP SERIES

Florida native Chastain claims pole at Daytona

Holly Cain
NASCAR WIRE SERVICE

DAYTONA BEACH, FL – Floridian Ross Chastain claimed his first Busch Light Pole position of the season – and third of his career – delivering a clutch effort Friday evening at Daytona International Speedway.

The 33-year-old from Alva, Fla. – whose crew chief Brandon McSwain is from Auburndale, Fla. – dramatically claimed the top starting spot for Saturday night's Coke Zero Sugar 400 (7:30 p.m. ET on NBC, MRN, SiriusXM NASCAR Radio) NASCAR Cup Series regular-season finale – delivering a best lap of 184.396 mph in the No. 1 Trackhouse Racing Chevrolet. The effort bettered Roush Fenway Keselowski Racing's Chris Buescher's No. 17 Ford by .051 of a second.

It's the best start on the 2.5-mile-high banks for Chastain in 16 previous races at the iconic track and his first series pole position since the Watkins Glen, N.Y., road course race in 2023. Team Penske driver Ryan Blaney won this race from pole position last year – the first to do it in any Daytona NASCAR Cup Series race since Dale Earnhardt Jr. in 2015.

"It's almost indescribable," Chastain said, noting he fully realizes starting position in these close-quarter races at Daytona don't always translate into a trophy.

"But tonight and today for a new package, for Trackhouse to pick the right package and execute through two rounds. ... it's very important to note we chose the right things as a team," said Chastain, whose Trackhouse team advanced all three Chevrolets into the 10-car field qualifying round.

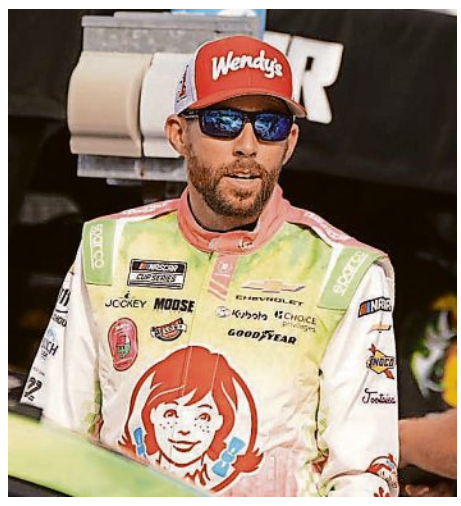
"Life achievement," Chastain said of the accomplishment. "I was a kid sitting in the grandstands and we camped outside Turn 1. ... It's a big deal, a life achievement and a moment I'll never forget."

"Just incredible," he added. "All the cars were bouncing, all the cars were not driving well, and we made ours go faster not driving well.

All three of the drivers most closely vying for the final two Chase positions advanced to the second round of qualifying.

Buescher's RFK teammate Ryan Preece was fastest in the opening round of qualifying and ended up fourth on the grid in the No. 60 RFK Ford – his best start of the season.

It's important momentum considering Preece is 17th in the championship standings – 44 points off Team Penske's Austin Cindric and 31 points behind Chastain's Trackhouse teammate, Shane Van Gisbergen – the two holding onto 15th and 16th in the standings heading to Saturday's green flag.



Ross Chastain walks on pit road before qualifying for the Coke Zero Sugar 400 on Aug. 28. NADIA ZOMORODIAN/NEWS-JOURNAL VIA REUTERS

The top 16 drivers in the standings will advance to the 10-race Chase to decide the 2026 season champion, which gets underway next weekend at Darlington (S.C.) Raceway.

"I think having a good starting spot gives us an opportunity to learn about our car, but also still have a very reasonable shot at some good points," said Cindric, who will roll off seventh. "That first stage is super short, so that's giving us a chance to start checking boxes early in the race."

Said Preece of his strong qualifying showing, "I wanted the pole. Fourth is great, but not what I wanted. The good thing is we have a fast Ford Mustang, and we'll race the hell out of them tomorrow."

Driving the car that the late Kyle Busch drove to pole position for this year's Daytona 500, Richard Childress Racing's Austin Hill will start third in the No. 33 RCR Chevrolet, alongside Preece.

It was 23XI Racing's Riley Herbst who led for most of opening session of qualifying, sitting atop the speed chart until Preece claimed the spot with only nine drivers remaining. The driver of the No. 35 Toyota – the only Toyota to advance to the final session – will start fifth.

Van Gisbergen will roll of sixth in the No. 97 Trackhouse Chevrolet, his rookie teammate Connor Zilisch in the No. 88 Trackhouse Chevrolet seventh best in the session, his fourth top-10 start of the season.

O'REILLY AUTO PARTS SERIES

NASCAR O'Reilly Auto Parts Series driver Ryan Sieg, left, lifts the trophy after winning the Winn-Dixie 250 on Aug. 28 at Daytona International Speedway in Daytona Beach, Florida. MIKE WATTERS/IMAGN IMAGES VIA REUTERS

Sieg earns 1st series win; Caruth grabs Chase spot

Holly Cain
NASCAR WIRE SERVICE

DAYTONA BEACH, FL – After 424 NASCAR O'Reilly Auto Parts Series starts and five runner-up finishes, Georgia owner-driver Ryan Sieg hoisted his first career trophy Friday night at Daytona International Speedway following a dramatic overtime victory in the Winn-Dixie 250 Powered by Coca-Cola.

A favorite in the garage and the grandstands, the 39-year-old from Tucker, Ga., benefited from a two-tire late-race pit stop to get inside the top five and was running fourth when a caution flew with a single lap of regulation remaining.

Restarting the two-lap overtime period from the outside lane on the second row, Sieg was able to get around front-row starting JR Motorsports teammates Carson Kvapil and Justin Allgaier immediately and then drove away. His No. 38 Ryan Sieg Racing Chevrolet ultimately took the checkered flag by 0.149 seconds over Richard Childress Racing's Austin Hill.

In the closing yards to the finish line, Sieg conceded he just kept thinking, "Don't mess up."

He did not.

"This is incredible, unbelievable, especially doing it here at Daytona," a grinning Sieg said as he received a hug from his brother Kyle and a kiss from his girlfriend. "I've been coming here since I was a baby, we've come here every summer race.

"To do it right now and the way we did it, that's amazing and to get the pole last (race), just want to thank everybody that helped us out to get here. My mom and dad, my girlfriend, all the support from the whole team, everybody.

"This has been a long time coming. Last race got the pole and (now) we came back to Daytona where I really wanted to win and we freaking did it."

For much of the race, it looked as if Kvapil may earn his third consecutive win. The last-lap caution flag cut short his bid to become the first driver in series history to claim his first three career wins consecutively. His 50 laps out front in the No. 1 JR Motorsports Chevrolet were most on the night.

Viking Motorsports driver Anthony Alfredo and newly re-signed Joe Gibbs Racing driver Brandon Jones rounded out the top five. Allgaier rallied to a sixth- place finish in the typically frenzied final laps.

A two-lap overtime period was necessary after Allgaier and another of his JR Motorsports teammates touched with a lap remaining, the contact from behind sending pole-winner Rajah Caruth's No. 88 Chevrolet spinning.

Fortunately for Caruth, the bad luck didn't end up ruining his night. He put himself in the last spot for the 12-driver Chase field that will now go on to challenge for the 2026 title.

Caruth finished 32nd, but the greater misfortune of two other competitors put the 24-year-old into the Chase in his first full time season in the series.

GOLF

ROUNDUP

Corpuz joins 3-way tie for lead at TPC Boston

FIELD LEVEL MEDIA

Allisen Corpuz, shown on April 23 at the Chevron Championship in Houston, shot a 67 on Aug. 28 to share the lead at the FM Championship at TPC Boston in Norton, Massachusetts. ERIK WILLIAMS/IMAGN IMAGES VIA REUTERS

Allisen Corpuz rode a bogey-free 67 into a share of the lead at the FM Championship on Friday at TPC Boston in Norton, Mass.

Corpuz sits at 9-under 135 and is tied with South Korea's Hyo Joo Kim, who also posted a 67, and Japan's Miyu Yamashita, who shot a 70.

They are one stroke ahead of a trio of players tied at 8 under: Morgane Metraux of Switzerland and Ruoning Yin of China, two of the three players to card a 7-under 65 Friday, and Jenny Bae (68).

While Yamashita is aiming to win in back-to-back weeks on tour following her nine-shot victory at the CPKC Women's Open, Corpuz is in a much different situation.

The Honolulu native won the 2023 U.S. Women's Open for her first professional victory. She hasn't won a tournament in the three-plus years since.

"Ball-striking has been really solid this week," Corpuz said. "It's something that's been good (and) bad throughout the season. Like I said, this course has always looked really good for me. I felt really comfortable over the ball, and, yeah, just go into the weekend and try to roll in a few more putts."

Corpuz made all five of her birdies in a seven-hole stretch from Nos. 4-10.

"I think this is a course that I've just come to and it looks good to my eye," Corpuz said. "I've been hitting the ball really well and putting myself in the right spots; even when I missed had a good look at a good up and down for par. I think this course is just one you just stay patient and you'll get the opportunities as they come."

Kim had six birdies mixed with one bogey on her card Friday. She hit 12 of 14 fairways in regulation but only 12 of 18 greens, requiring some par saves.

"My putting went well and necessarily one thing, but overall I think my round went well," she said through a translator. "I was able to save some, so I think that's what went well for me.

Metraux is searching for her first LPGA Tour win after collecting two on the Ladies European Tour. She was boosted early on by an eagle at the par-5 second hole before she added five birdies.

"I hit I don't know how many fairways, but pretty much all of them I think, or close to that," said Metraux, who in fact made 13 of 14 in regulation. "Then I hit some really solid iron shots. I was playing conservative when I had to. Some of the pins out there are pretty tough, especially on the back nine, so I was playing conservative when I needed to. Just two-putted from distance, and then when it was a green light flag, I was able to attack really well."

Tied at 7 under are Russian Nataliya Guseva (68) and Denmark's Emily Kristine Pedersen (72). Thailand's Suvichaya Vinijchaitham had the other 65 of the day, lifting her to 6 under.

Among the others at 6 under were South Koreans Haeran Ryu (70), the two-time major winner this year, and Sei Young Kim, who led after the first round but followed her 64 with a 74 to drop back.

World No. 2 Jeeno Thitikul of Thailand shot a 68 to move up to 4 under, as did Rose Zhang. World No. 1 Nelly Korda posted an even-par 72 for the second straight round and made the cut on the number.

Vaughn Taylor, right, shown on April 17 at the Senior PGA Championship in Bradenton, Florida, shot a 9-under 63 on Aug. 28 for a one-stroke lead at the Ally Challenge in Grand Blanc, Michigan. MIKE LANG/SARASOTA HERALD-TRIB VIA REUTERS

PGA Tour Champions

PGA Champions Tour rookie Vaughn Taylor birdied his final four holes and carded a 9-under round of 63 to take a one-stroke lead after the opening round of the Ally Challenge in Grand Blanc, Mich.

John Rollins also closed in fine fashion, going from 3-under to 8-under on his 13th through 17th holes and is one stroke behind Taylor at 8-under 64.

Ireland's Padraig Harrington posted a 7-under 65 for solo third place, while Paul Goydos, Michael Block and Argentina's Ricardo Gonzalez were tied for fourth at 6-under-par.

Forty-seven of 78 golfers to tee it up at Warwick Hills were under par for the day.

Taylor, who has yet to win, but has made the cut in all 13 events he has played, started on the back nine and closed the outward half with three consecutive birdies. He made it four in a row by getting up and down from the greenside bunker at the par-5 first hole to reach 6-under-par.

The Roanoke, Va. native made his lone bogey on the par-4 fifth hole, then birdied his way home to grab the first-round lead.

"It's a great feeling," said Taylor about his round. "It was one of those days, the ball was going in. And to finish strong like that with four in a row was extra special. A lot of fun out there.

"I've got a lot of good memories here. I clinched the Ryder Cup in 2006 here, so that was a huge week for me, kind of changed my life. Yeah, a lot of good memories here. I missed having the Tour event here, so it's good to be back."

Rollins hit all 18 greens in regulation and played bogey-free golf. He drove the green on the short par-4 14th hole, rolling it past the 315-yard hole, then drained a 30-footer for eagle.

"I was able to keep the ball in play and just from there set up a lot of good opportunities into the greens," said Rollins. "And the iron game was I would say fairly sharp. As you mentioned, 18 greens, I don't know the last time I've done that. Everything just felt good. I was in a good rhythm, great group, great pairing today, all three of us good friends so that always kind of helps the day."

Harrington, who stands No. 3 in the Charles Schwab Cup standings, took some good-natured ribbing about his disdain for the course.

"I didn't say I don't like this place, I said I don't play well here," he said after the round. "Yeah, you know, it's not that I can't play well. I obviously, I played reasonably well and I holed a few putts, so I ran with it. I said I find it hard to hit the fairways."

Tour leader Stewart Cink carded a 5-under 67 and was tied with four others for seventh place.

PGA

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Viktor Hovland plays his shot on the first hole during the second round of the Tour Championship on Aug. 28 in Atlanta. BRETT DAVIS/IMAGN IMAGES VIA REUTERS

one at No. 18.

Joining Scheffler at 8 under is Cameron Young. Scheffler is one stroke closer to the leaders than where he started the day, but still in fifth, his position after the first round.

Scheffler posted his 3-under 67 despite back-to-back bogeys at Nos. 3 and 4 and a costly one at No. 17. They were the first blemishes on his card for the tournament. He also had six birdies, including four in a five-hole stretch from Nos. 6-10.

Scheffler has been the model of consistency on the PGA Tour, so this has come to be expected. He won only twice, including in the playoff opener, the FedEx St. Jude Championship, but has 12 top-five finishes on tour this year.

"I think over the course of my career, I feel like one thing I'm most proud of is my consistency week in and week out," Scheffler said before the tournament. "I think that's something that I take a lot of pride in. It's not easy to show up every single week and play the way that I play and play the intensity that I play and that I bring to each and every tournament. That's something I'm really very proud of."

Scheffler went to the driving range following his round.

There must be something about playing by yourself. The field was an uneven 29 after J.J. Spaun withdrew following a partial round on Thursday. Min Woo Lee of Australia was paired with Spaun in the first round and went 6 under, of his 8-under total, over the final 13 holes.

Young went out first and by himself for the second round Friday and shot an 8-under 62.

He was tied for the lead at 8 under by the time he finished his round with an eagle on No. 18. He stayed there or just off the lead all day.

"Playing by yourself, it's strange for a second," Young said. "Kind of when you see the pairing, it's strange, and then once you get into it you don't have to wait, you don't have to rush. You can kind of just do everything you'd like to do the whole day. So, it's easy in that sense."

Other players of note include defending champion Tommy Fleetwood of England (70) at 4 under and Rory McIlroy of Northern Ireland (69) at 3 under. Lee, the first-round leader, shot a 3-over 73 and fell to 5 under. His round included a triple bogey on the par-4 fifth hole.

SCOREBOARD

All times Eastern

MLB

Standings

American League

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Tampa Bay	80	54	.597	–
N.Y. Yankees	76	58	.567	4
Boston	73	61	.545	7
Baltimore	66	69	.489	14½
Toronto	66	70	.485	15

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Chi. White Sox	71	63	.530	–
Cleveland	68	67	.504	3½
Minnesota	64	71	.474	7½
Detroit	62	72	.463	9
Kansas City	61	75	.449	11

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	68	67	.504	–
Texas	66	69	.489	2
Seattle	64	71	.474	4
Athletics	53	82	.393	15
L.A. Angels	52	83	.385	16

National League

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	80	55	.593	–
Philadelphia	75	60	.556	5
Miami	68	67	.504	12
Washington	64	73	.467	17
N.Y. Mets	60	75	.444	20

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Milwaukee	84	51	.622	–
Chicago Cubs	76	59	.563	8
St. Louis	68	68	.500	16½
Pittsburgh	65	71	.478	19½
Cincinnati	64	71	.474	20

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Dodgers	81	54	.600	–
San Diego	72	63	.533	9
Arizona	72	64	.529	9½
San Francisco	55	80	.407	26
Colorado	52	83	.385	29

Thursday's Scores

Washington 7, Colorado 1
St. Louis 7, Baltimore 5
Houston 5, N.Y. Yankees 1
Kansas City 13, Toronto 2
Milwaukee 8, N.Y. Mets 2
Atlanta 1, L.A. Dodgers 0
San Francisco 6, Arizona 1

Friday's Scores

Cincinnati 10, Chicago Cubs 8
L.A. Dodgers 2, Detroit 1
Washington 9, Miami 2
Tampa Bay 9, San Diego 4
Kansas City 3, Cleveland 0
Houston 3, N.Y. Mets 1
Toronto 8, Seattle 1
Atlanta 6, Colorado 4
N.Y. Yankees 1, Boston 0
Milwaukee 6, Texas 1
Chi. White Sox 7, Minnesota 4
St. Louis 4, Pittsburgh 1
Philadelphia 5, L.A. Angels 3
Baltimore 4, Athletics 3
Arizona 10, San Francisco 6

Saturday's Games

Boston (Bennett 8-6) at N.Y. Yankees (Rodon 4-2), 1:05 p.m., 1st game
L.A. Dodgers (Snell 2-1) at Detroit (Montero 9-8), 1:10 p.m.
Chi. White Sox (Fedde 6-8) at Minnesota (Ober 7-4), 2:10 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Mlodzinski 6-6) at St. Louis (Leahy 10-4), 2:15 p.m.
Cincinnati (Abbott 6-9) at Chicago Cubs (Gausman 7-11), 2:20 p.m.
Seattle (Anderson 0-0) at Toronto (Soriano 10-7), 3:07 p.m.
Miami (Alcantara 13-8) at Washington (Cavalli 12-5), 4:05 p.m.
Arizona (Kelly 8-12) at San Francisco (TBD), 4:05 p.m., 1st game
Colorado (Feltner 5-8) at Atlanta (Perez 8-8), 4:10 p.m.
San Diego (Buehler 8-6) at Tampa Bay (Martinez 13-4), 4:10 p.m.
Kansas City (Lynch IV 4-4) at Cleveland (Griffin 15-4), 4:10 p.m.
Houston (Javier 1-4) at N.Y. Mets (McLean 9-8), 4:10 p.m.
Texas (Quantrill 6-4) at Milwaukee (Drohan 6-5), 7:15 p.m.
Boston (Bello 5-6) at N.Y. Yankees (TBD), 7:15 p.m., 2nd game
Baltimore (Baz 4-14) at Athletics (Perkins 3-9), 10:05 p.m.
Arizona (TBD) at San Francisco (TBD), 10:05 p.m., 2nd game
Philadelphia (Sanchez 16-4) at L.A. Angels (Johnson 3-7), 10:07 p.m.

MLB Leaders

American League

Batting Average – Alvarez, Houston .319; Simpson, Tampa Bay .308; Diaz, Tampa Bay .301; Witt Jr., Kansas City .289; DeLauter, Cleveland .289; Hicks, Tampa Bay .286; Rafaela, Boston .285; Garcia Jr., New York .284; Caglianone, Kansas City .282; Clement, Toronto .281.
Home Runs – Alvarez, Houston 36; Rice, New York 35; Caminero, Tampa Bay 35; Alonso, Baltimore 32; Murakami, Chicago 29; Vargas, Chicago 29; Garcia Jr., New York 28; Montgomery, Chicago 27; Contreras, Boston 26; Okamoto, Toronto 26.
RBI – Alonso, Baltimore 91; Alvarez, Houston 91; Garcia Jr., New York 87; Caminero, Tampa Bay 84; Rice, New York 83; Dingler, Detroit 82; Bell, Minnesota 80; Adell, Cleveland 80; Contreras, Boston 78; Aranda, Tampa Bay 78.
Stolen Bases – Chisholm Jr., New York 38; Witt Jr., Kansas City 36; Simpson, Tampa Bay 35; Ramirez, Cleveland 31; Caballero, New York 30; Naylor, Seattle 25; Arozarena, Seattle 20; Tolbert, Kansas City 20; Walls, Tampa Bay 19; Gimenez, Toronto 19.
Wins – Gray, Boston 16; Griffin, Cleveland 15; Rasmussen, Tampa Bay 14; Martinez, Tampa Bay 13; Williams, Cleveland 12; Gilbert, Seattle 11; Schlittler, New York 11; Eovaldi, Texas 10; Soriano, Toronto 10; Messick, Cleveland 10.
ERA – Schlittler, New York 2.16; Cease, Toronto 2.37; Messick, Cleveland 2.50; Gray, Boston 2.82; Martinez, Tampa Bay 2.93; Rasmussen, Tampa Bay 2.95; Griffin, Cleveland 3.19; Montero, Detroit 3.30; Burke, Chicago 3.32; Gilbert, Seattle 3.36.
Strikeouts – Cease, Toronto 209; Williams, Cleveland 204; Schlittler, New York 193; Detmers, Los Angeles 172; Bradley, Minnesota 169; Gore, Texas 165; Gilbert, Seattle 162; Burke, Chicago 161; deGrom, Texas 159; Messick, Cleveland 156.
Saves – Baker, Tampa Bay 38; Smith, Cleveland 35; Chapman, Boston 30; Bednar, New York 30; Varland, Toronto 30; Latz, Texas 26; Sewald, Toronto 24; Munoz, Seattle 24; Gomez, Minnesota 20; Hader, Houston 19.

National League

Batting Average – Arraez, Philadelphia .318; Lopez, Miami .308; Gonzales, Pittsburgh .305; Moreno, Arizona .303; Freeman, Los Angeles .300; Burleson, St. Louis .292; Harris II, Atlanta .292; McCarthy, Colorado .290; Rumfield, Colorado .289; Lee, San Francisco .289.
Home Runs – Schwarber, Philadelphia 40; Olson, Atlanta 37; Goodman, Colorado 36; Crow-Armstrong, Chicago 33; Wood, Washington 30; Ohtani, Los Angeles 30; Devers, San Francisco 29; Abrams, Washington 29; Stewart, Cincinnati 28; Harper, Philadelphia 27.
RBI – Stewart, Cincinnati 100; Burleson, St. Louis 99; Walker, St. Louis 97; Abrams, Washington 92; Crow-Armstrong, Chicago 83; Schwarber, Philadelphia 81; Ohtani, Los Angeles 80; Lowe, Pittsburgh 80; Pages, Los Angeles 80; Olson, Atlanta 78.
Stolen Bases – Nunez, Washington 43; Crow-Armstrong, Chicago 32; Tatis Jr., San Diego 30; Lopez, Miami 29; Ruiz, Miami 29; Abrams, Washington 26; McCarthy, Colorado 25; Hamilton, Milwaukee 24; Merrill, San Diego 24; Stott, Philadelphia 23.
Wins – Sanchez, Philadelphia 16; Rodriguez, Arizona 14; Misiorowski, Milwaukee 14; Burns, Cincinnati 14; Alcantara, Miami 13; Ashby, Milwaukee 13; Ashcraft, Pittsburgh 13; Sale, Atlanta 13; Sugano, Colorado 12; Luzardo, Philadelphia 12.
ERA – Misiorowski, Milwaukee 1.73; Sale, Atlanta 2.06; Rodriguez, Arizona 2.50; Yamamoto, Los Angeles 2.56; Sanchez, Philadelphia 2.62; Burns, Cincinnati 2.77; Luzardo, Philadelphia 3.09; Cavalli, Washington 3.21; McLean, New York 3.21; Ray, San Diego 3.21.
Strikeouts – Misiorowski, Milwaukee 222; Luzardo, Philadelphia 203; Sanchez, Philadelphia 194; Sale, Atlanta 177; Skenes, Pittsburgh 175; Cavalli, Washington 169; McLean, New York 168; Burns, Cincinnati 164; Ashcraft, Pittsburgh 161; Nola, Philadelphia 153.
Saves – O'Brien, St. Louis 34; Miller, San Diego 32; Iglesias, Atlanta 28; Duran, Philadelphia 28; Megill, Milwaukee 24; Scott, Los Angeles 19; Fairbanks, Miami 18; Pagan, Cincinnati 17; Williams, New York 16; Soto, Pittsburgh 14.

NFL

Preseason
Week 3

Thursday's Scores

Buffalo 28, Pittsburgh 27
Cleveland 37, New England 13
San Francisco 18, Las Vegas 12
L.A. Rams 20, L.A. Chargers 18

Friday's Scores

Baltimore 41, Washington 3
Atlanta 17, Miami 12
Carolina 16, Houston 13
Jacksonville 19, Tampa Bay 0
N.Y. Giants 23, N.Y. Jets 6
Cincinnati 30, Philadelphia 13
Seattle 9, Kansas City 9
Green Bay 42, Arizona 38
New Orleans 27, Dallas 24
Denver 34, Minnesota 6

Saturday's Games

Detroit at Indianapolis, 1 p.m.
Chicago at Tennessee, 6 p.m.

WNBA

Standings

Eastern Conference

	W	L	Pct	GB
Indiana	26	14	.650	–
Atlanta	25	14	.641	½
Washington	24	16	.600	2
N.Y. Liberty	23	16	.590	2½
Chicago Sky	15	24	.385	10½
Toronto	11	28	.282	14½
Connecticut	10	29	.256	15½

Western Conference

	W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	31	8	.795	–
Golden State	28	11	.718	3
Las Vegas	27	13	.675	4½
Dallas	23	16	.590	8
Portland	16	23	.410	15
L.A. Sparks	14	25	.359	17
Phoenix	13	26	.333	18
Seattle	8	31	.205	23

Thursday's Scores

Golden State 79, N.Y. Liberty 60
Washington 80, Phoenix 73

Friday's Scores

Portland 101, Atlanta 83
Indiana 111, Connecticut 91
Las Vegas 93, Toronto 73
L.A. Sparks 88, Washington 82

Saturday's Games

Chicago Sky at N.Y. Liberty, 1 p.m.
Toronto at Phoenix, 10 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Minnesota at Atlanta, 3 p.m.
L.A. Sparks at Seattle, 5 p.m.
Golden State at Portland, 7 p.m.
Connecticut at Dallas, 8 p.m.

SOCCER

MLS Standings

Eastern Conference

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Nashville	15	2	4	49	43	17
Inter Miami CF	11	4	6	39	49	40
Chicago	11	6	3	36	37	26
New England	10	7	4	34	33	26
Charlotte FC	9	7	5	32	38	32
Cincinnati	8	6	7	31	49	47
NY City FC	7	8	6	27	35	30
NY Red Bulls	7	9	5	26	31	43
Orlando City	7	11	3	24	34	51
Toronto FC	5	7	9	24	31	37
D.C. United	5	7	9	24	28	36
Atlanta	6	12	3	21	25	36
Philadelphia	5	10	6	21	31	38
CF Montreal	5	10	6	21	29	39
Columbus	5	11	5	20	30	36

Western Conference

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Vancouver	12	4	4	40	45	18
Houston	12	7	2	38	30	26
Los Angeles FC	10	7	5	35	36	22
San Jose	10	8	3	33	39	33
FC Dallas	9	6	6	33	38	34
Saint Louis	9	6	6	33	30	27
Colorado	9	11	1	28	30	28
Real Salt Lake	8	8	4	28	34	32
Portland	8	9	4	28	38	37
Minnesota	7	7	7	28	27	29
San Diego FC	7	8	6	27	37	32
LA Galaxy	6	8	8	26	27	32
Seattle	7	9	4	25	22	27
Austin FC	5	10	6	21	26	40
Sporting KC	4	14	3	15	20	51

Saturday's Games

Chicago at Seattle, 4:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at NY Red Bulls, 7:30 p.m.
New England at Columbus, 7:30 p.m.
NY City FC at Toronto FC, 7:30 p.m.
CF Montreal at Inter Miami CF, 7:30 p.m.
Los Angeles FC at D.C. United, 7:30 p.m.
Charlotte FC at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
San Jose at Houston, 8:30 p.m.
Cincinnati at Nashville, 8:30 p.m.
Orlando City at Minnesota, 8:30 p.m.
Vancouver at Sporting KC, 8:30 p.m.
Real Salt Lake at Colorado, 9:30 p.m.
LA Galaxy at San Diego FC, 10:30 p.m.
Austin FC at Portland, 10:30 p.m.

Sunday's Game

FC Dallas at Saint Louis, 7 p.m.

NWSL Standings

	W	L	D	Pts	GF	GA
Gotham	13	3	6	45	27	14
San Diego	12	8	3	39	32	27
Portland	11	6	5	38	36	30
Washington	11	6	4	37	30	19
Utah	11	7	3	36	37	27
North Carolina	11	7	3	36	38	30
Kansas City	9	8	4	31	32	29
Seattle	8	8	4	28	25	26
Angel City	7	8	5	26	27	22
Houston	7	9	5	26	28	29
Louisville	8	13	2	26	36	43
Orlando	8	11	2	26	25	31
Denver Summit	6	8	6	24	25	26
Bay	6	10	4	22	21	27
Boston Legacy	5	11	5	20	24	34
Chicago	5	15	1	16	12	41

Friday's Scores

Gotham 1, Portland 1
San Diego 3, Louisville 2

Saturday's Games

North Carolina at Kansas City, 6:30 pm
Utah at Orlando, 7 pm
Chicago at Denver Summit, 8:45 pm

Sunday's Games

Bay at Washington, 12:30 pm
Houston at Seattle, 7 pm

Monday's Game

Angel City at Boston Legacy, 8 pm

GOLF

TOUR Championship
Friday
Atlanta
East Lake Golf Club
Purse: $40 million
Yardage: 7,440; Par: 70
Second Round

Ryan Gerard .....65-65–130 (-10)
Viktor Hovland .....64-66–130 (-10)
Chris Gotterup .....64-67–131 (-9)
Collin Morikawa .....64-67–131 (-9)
Scottie Scheffler .....65-67–132 (-8)
Cameron Young.....70-62–132 (-8)
Ludvig Aberg .....65-68–133 (-7)
Matt Fitzpatrick.....66-67–133 (-7)
Justin Rose.....68-65–133 (-7)
Adam Scott.....66-67–133 (-7)
Akshay Bhatia.....65-69–134 (-6)
Sam Burns.....66-68–134 (-6)
Ryan Fox .....66-68–134 (-6)
Gary Woodland.....66-68–134 (-6)
Jacob Bridgeman.....68-67–135 (-5)
Russell Henley .....70-65–135 (-5)
Tom Kim.....67-68–135 (-5)
Min Woo Lee .....62-73–135 (-5)
Alex Smalley.....67-68–135 (-5)
Wyndham Clark.....67-69–136 (-4)
Alex Fitzpatrick.....68-68–136 (-4)
Tommy Fleetwood.....66-70–136 (-4)
Si Woo Kim.....69-68–137 (-3)
Rory McIlroy.....68-69–137 (-3)
Patrick Cantlay.....68-70–138 (-2)
Xander Schauffele.....67-71–138 (-2)
Hideki Matsuyama.....69-70–139 (-1)
Kristoffer Reitan.....70-69–139 (-1)
Robert MacIntyre.....67-76–143 (3)
J.J. Spaun .....–0 (0) WD

FM Championship
Friday
Norton, Mass.
TPC Boston
Purse: $4.4 million
Yardage: 6,533; Par: 72
Second Round Leaders

Allisen Corpuz .....68-67–135 (-9)
Hyo Joo Kim.....68-67–135 (-9)
Miyu Yamashita.....65-70–135 (-9)
Jenny Bae.....68-68–136 (-8)
Morgane Metraux .....71-65–136 (-8)
Ruoning Yin.....71-65–136 (-8)
Nataliya Guseva .....69-68–137 (-7)
Emily Pedersen .....65-72–137 (-7)
Hye-Jin Choi.....72-66–138 (-6)
Sei Young Kim .....64-74–138 (-6)
So-Mi Lee .....66-72–138 (-6)
Hae-Ran Ryu .....68-70–138 (-6)
Suvichaya Vinijchaitham ..73-65–138 (-6)
Lauren Coughlin .....68-71–139 (-5)
Amanda Doherty .....70-69–139 (-5)
Lindy Duncan .....70-69–139 (-5)
Anna Huang .....69-70–139 (-5)
Patty Tavatanakit .....71-68–139 (-5)
Hailee Cooper.....72-68–140 (-4)
Jin Hee Im.....70-70–140 (-4)
Akie Iwai.....74-66–140 (-4)
Gaby Lopez .....68-72–140 (-4)
Nastasia Nadaud .....72-68–140 (-4)
Linnea Strom.....73-67–140 (-4)
Jeeno Thitikul .....72-68–140 (-4)
Rose Zhang .....72-68–140 (-4)
Ashleigh Buhai.....70-71–141 (-3)
Hannah Green .....74-67–141 (-3)
Nasa Hataoka .....71-70–141 (-3)
Charley Hull .....71-70–141 (-3)
Brooke Matthews .....72-69–141 (-3)
Lottie Woad .....68-73–141 (-3)

TRANSACTIONS

Friday's Transactions
BASEBALL
Major League Baseball

ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS – P Juan Burgos Sent to Minors. P Kohl Drake Called Up from Minors.
ATHLETICS – P Drew Rom Sent to Minors. P Jose Suarez Removed From 15-Day IL Strained right hip.
BALTIMORE ORIOLES – 3B Luis Vazquez Sent to Minors. 3B Blaze Alexander Removed From 10-Day IL Fractured left hand. 3B Blaze Alexander Recalled From Minors Rehab.
BOSTON RED SOX – C Tomas Nido Signed to a Minor League Contract.
CHICAGO CUBS – P Hoby Milner Designated for Assignment. P Hoby Milner Removed From 15-Day IL Appendicitis. P Hoby Milner Recalled From Minors Rehab. RF Matt Shaw Removed From 10-Day IL Sprained left hand. RF Matt Shaw Recalled From Minors Rehab.
CHICAGO WHITE SOX – C Drew Romo Sent to Minors. P Tyler Gilbert Called Up from Minors. P Tyler Schweitzer Placed on Paternity Leave List. DH Andrew Benintendi Reinstated from Bereavement/Family Medical Emergency List.
CINCINNATI REDS – 3B Ke'Bryan Hayes Placed on 10-Day IL Left groin strain. 2B Edwin Arroyo Called Up from Minors.
LOS ANGELES ANGELS – LF Bryce Teodosio Sent to Minors. LF Wade Meckler Removed from 7-Day IL Concussion. LF Wade Meckler Recalled From Minors Rehab.
MILWAUKEE BREWERS – 2B Jonathan Ornelas Refused Minor League Assignment - Free Agent.
MINNESOTA TWINS – RF Alan Roden Sent to Minors. P Woo Suk Go Designated for Assignment. Walker Jenkins Purchased From Minors.
NEW YORK METS – P Xzavion Curry Sent to Minors. P Chris Devenski Purchased From Minors. DH Jorge Polanco Transferred to 60-Day IL Left ankle bursitis.
PITTSBURGH PIRATES – P Noah Murdock Sent to Minors. P Evan Sisk Called Up from Minors.
ST. LOUIS CARDINALS – 3B Blaze Jordan Placed on 10-Day IL Sprained left ankle. LF Thomas Saggese Called Up from Minors.
TEXAS RANGERS – P Adam Macko Called Up from Minors.
TORONTO BLUE JAYS – P CJ Van Eyk Called Up from Minors. P Simeon Woods Richardson Designated for Assignment.

FOOTBALL
National Football League

CLEVELAND BROWNS – TE Jermaine Terry cut. WR Ben Patterson cut. DE Jamil Muhammad cut. T Izavion Miller cut. CB Jeremiah McClendon cut. DT Patrick Jenkins cut. DT Coziah Izzard cut. CB Nate Evans cut. S Christopher Edmonds cut. P Nik Constantinou cut. T Jeremiah Byers cut. TE Drew Biber cut. TE Jack Stoll cut. T Tyre Phillips cut. CB Tyler Hall cut. CB Tre Avery cut. CB Mekhi Blackmon acquired from waivers.
INDIANAPOLIS COLTS – CB Mekhi Blackmon acquired from waivers to Cleveland Browns.
NEW YORK JETS – WR Caullin Lacy cut. WR Caullin Lacy Taken off IR undisclosed.
PITTSBURGH STEELERS – WR Isaiah Winstead cut. RB Alex Tecza cut. WR Cornell Powell cut. CB Daryl Porter cut. CB Tamon Lynum cut. WR Jakobie Keeney-James cut. S Brandon Hill cut. S Jack Henderson cut. CB Jaylon Guilbeau cut. C Greg Crippen cut. TE Jaheim Bell cut.
SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS – RB Patrick Taylor Jr. cut. RB Patrick Taylor Jr. Taken off IR shoulder.
SEATTLE SEAHAWKS – LB Chris Paul Jr. Placed on IR undisclosed.

BASKETBALL
National Basketball Assoc.

CLEVELAND CAVALIERS – SF Cam Whitmore Waived.
DENVER NUGGETS – PF Julian Reese Waived.

HOCKEY
National Hockey League

COLORADO AVALANCHE – D Cale Makar Contract extended Eight-year contract extension.

TENNIS ROUNDUP

Buse, Fery to meet for title at Winston-Salem

WIRE SERVICES

Third-seeded Ignacio Buse and fourth-seeded Arthur Fery advanced in distinct fashions on Friday and will meet in the Winston-Salem Open final on Saturday in North Carolina.

Buse, a 22-year-old from Peru, edged France's Benjamin Bonzi 6-2, 4-6, 6-1, while Fery advanced when Australia's James Duckworth had to retire in the second set. Fery led, 6-4, 1-2 when Duckworth could not continue due to an apparent right leg injury.

Buse, who is ranked 36th in the world, won his first career ATP Tour title in Hamburg, Germany, in May.

After Bonzi knotted the match at one set all, Buse accomplished a rare feat, winning all 12 points in his three service games in the decider. He broke Bonzi's serve to start the set and cruised to victory in 1 hour, 51 minutes.

Fery, a 24-year-old who calls London home, reached the Wimbledon semifinal as an unseeded wild-card entry. He is ranked one slot below Buse at No. 37.

Fery was able to break Duckworth's serve at 4-4 in the first set. Duckworth held for a 2-1 lead in the second set but then could not continue.

Both Buse, the No. 32 seed at the upcoming U.S. Open, and Fery will head to New York after the title match in Winston-Salem.

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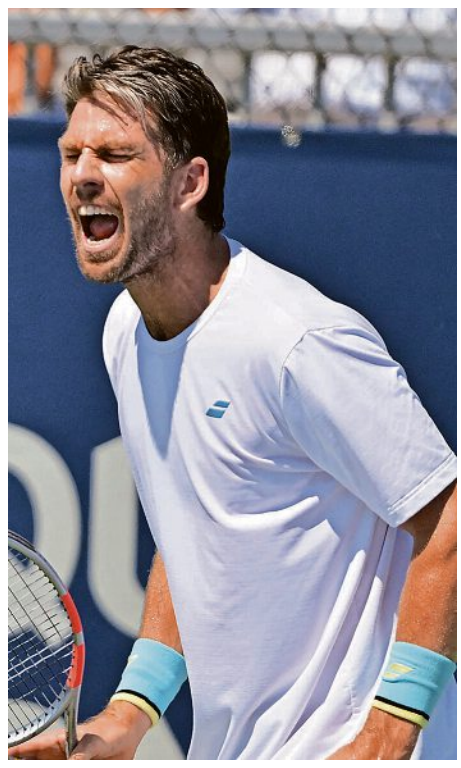

Ignacio Buse, shown during the National Bank Open on Aug. 5 in Montreal, edged Benjamin Bonzi 6-2, 4-6, 6-1 on Aug. 28 to advance to the men's final at the Winston-Salem Open in North Carolina.

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WOMEN
Monterrey Open

Belgian second seed Elise Mertens recovered from a set down to beat Czech Nikola Bartunkova 1-6 6-4 6-2, setting up a final showdown with Diane Parry in the WTA 500 hardcourt tune-up event ahead of the U.S. Open.

Frenchwoman Parry, 23, earlier upset American fifth seed Ann Li 7-6(7) 6-4 in two hours and three minutes in the first semi-final to book her place in the final.

In the second semi-final, Bartunkova made a blistering start, breaking Mertens in the opening game before racing to a 4-1 lead. The 20-year-old secured a second break and never allowed Mertens a route back, closing out the set 6-1 after breaking serve for a third time in the final game.

After being outplayed in the opening set, Mertens battled back in the second from a 3-0 deficit. The 30-year-old turned the tide by breaking in three consecutive return games and winning six of the final seven games to take the set 6-4 and draw level.

Mertens carried that momentum into the decider, securing an early break for a 2-1 lead. She tightened her grip on the contest with another break in a marathon seventh game before serving out the set 6-2 to complete the comeback victory.

The U.S. Open women's singles main draw begins on Sunday.

— Reuters

TODAY IN SPORTS HISTORY

Today is Aug. 29. On this date in:
1885: John L. Sullivan defeated Dominick McCaffrey in Cincinnati in what is widely regarded as the first world heavyweight championship contested under the Marquess of Queensberry Rules, helping define modern boxing.
1920: Duke Kahanamoku won the Olympic men's 100-meter freestyle in Antwerp, successfully defending his title as the United States swept the event's medals.
1920: Ethelda Bleibtrey anchored the United States to gold in the Olympic women's 4x100-meter freestyle relay at Antwerp, completing a sweep of all three women's swimming events contested at the games.
1922: The United States defeated Great Britain 8-4 in the inaugural Walker Cup, launching one of amateur golf's premier international team competitions.
1948: Jackie Robinson hit for a reverse natural cycle — home run, triple, double and single — as the Brooklyn Dodgers defeated the St. Louis Cardinals 12-7 in the first game of a doubleheader.
1952: Dr. Reginald Weir and George Stewart became the first Black men to compete in the U.S. National Championships at Forest Hills, breaking a significant racial barrier in American tennis.
1963: Sandy Koufax earned his first 20-win season by pitching a three-hitter as the Los Angeles Dodgers beat the San Francisco Giants.
1965: Willie Mays hit his 17th home run of August, establishing a National League record for home runs in a month, as the San Francisco Giants defeated the New York Mets.
1966: Hall of Fame pitcher Robin Roberts recorded his 286th and final major league victory as the Chicago Cubs defeated the Atlanta Braves 4-2.
1968: The U.S. Open entered the Open Era as professionals and amateurs competed together for the first time, and Billie Jean King won the first Open Era match played at Forest Hills.
1972: American swimmer Sandy Neilson won Olympic gold in the women's 100-meter freestyle at Munich in 58.59 seconds, one of three gold medals she earned at the games.
1977: St. Louis Cardinals outfielder Lou Brock stole two bases against the San Diego Padres, tying and then surpassing Ty Cobb's career record as it was recognized at the time with his 893rd steal.
1990: The Seattle Mariners signed Ken Griffey Sr. as a free agent, paving the way for him and Ken Griffey Jr. to become the first father-son teammates in Major League Baseball history.
1994: Mario Lemieux announced he would sit out the 1994-95 NHL season because of back problems and fatigue following cancer treatment; he returned the next season to win both the Hart and Art Ross trophies.
1998: Louisiana Tech receiver Troy Edwards set an NCAA record with 405 receiving yards on 21 catches against Nebraska in the Eddie Robinson Classic.
2003: AC Milan defeated Porto 1-0 in Monaco to win the UEFA Super Cup, with Andriy Shevchenko scoring the match's lone goal.
2004: Italy's Stefano Baldini won the Olympic men's marathon in 2 hours, 10 minutes, 55 seconds in Athens after race leader Vanderlei de Lima of Brazil was attacked by a spectator. American Meb Keflezighi earned the silver medal.
2004: Michael Schumacher finished second in the Belgian Grand Prix to clinch his record seventh Formula One World Drivers' Championship title; Kimi Räikkönen won the race.
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Ferrari Formula One driver Michael Schumacher celebrates winning his seventh World Drivers' Championship title after getting second place at the Belgian Formula One Grand Prix at the Spa-Francorchamps race circuit in Stavelot, Belgium.

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